

WEATHER SYNOPSIS

The barometer is rising on the Pacific slope and fair weather is becoming general. Zero temperatures are reported in the Prairies.

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Riffian Envoy Talking Peace With French

Conversations Confined to Press and Members of Chamber—Government Not Approached

Political Object Seen in Mission

Cabinet Doubts Worth of Visit—Morocco Leader Already Aware of Paris Terms, Ministers Believe

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Captain Gordon Canning, British reserve officer and envoy of the Moroccan chieftain, Abd-el-Krim, who arrived in Paris yesterday with a letter from the Riffian leader authorizing him to receive the peace terms decided on by the French and Spanish last summer, has not approached the French Government as yet on the question of a peace settlement.

Thus far he has communicated his credentials and the object of his mission to the press and members of Parliament only. His presence officially is not known to the Government and doubts are expressed at the Quai d'Orsay as to the utility of his visit.

Krim Would Discuss Terms. Abd-el-Krim is ready to accept some of the Franco-Spanish terms, but desires to discuss the others, Captain Canning informed the correspondents today. Krim, he said, was willing to declare an armistice within a month if negotiations were entered into on that basis.

French officials contend that this shows Abd-el-Krim is already aware of the peace terms, while the fact that Captain Canning's first visit was to members of the Chamber of Deputies would seem to indicate a political leaning to his mission, with the object of ascertaining what opposition to the Government's attitude exists in Parliament.

U.S. Rubber Outcry Ridiculed in London

Same Course Pursued by America in Respect of Cotton and Wheat, Papers Say

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London newspapers have been chaffing editorially on the American resentment against the high British rubber prices, but today some writers broke their silence. Their arguments were that the prices were as much against British consumers as American; that it was difficult to understand how America, "the home of protection," could complain against a protective scheme; and that the United States acted identically regarding cotton and wheat.

"If we had tried to raise the price of wheat to a starving Europe," said The Morning Post, "we should not have the face to complain of limitation of the price of rubber."

The Daily News found American indignation "distinctly amusing," and added:

"If England is laughing up her sleeve it is the first time since the war that she has had the opportunity."

The Westminster Gazette said: "It is difficult to maintain patience with a protest which seems mainly motivated by a fear that, their main argument, the one commodity America must buy from us, we shall secure means of paying our debt to her."

Seized With Liquor at Border. BELLINGHAM, Dec. 23.—Ernest Matshall, aged thirty-one, of Vancouver, B.C., was arrested near the Canadian border by deputy sheriffs when a tire of his automobile collapsed. The officers seized his car and twelve cases of whisky and sixteen gallons of grain alcohol in his car. He was held in lieu of \$750 bail.

From the Colonist Tower. Thursday, December 24. 35th Day, 1925.

THE WEATHER. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild.

Sun Rise: 8:04 o'clock. Sun Set: 4:22 o'clock. High Tide: 10:39 a.m., 9.5 feet. Low Tide: 6:23 p.m., 4.2 feet.

Deep Sea Shipping. Departure.—St. Emma Alexander, for California, 11 p.m.

The News. Dominion, Imperial and Foreign.—United States President endorses Wilkins air expedition to Arctic. Riff envoy discusses peace with French deputies. Canadian bank wins great prize in Spanish lottery. Great storm damages French ports and shipping. Pope criticizes godless governments and modern religious tendencies. Manchurian war lord wins victory in new battle in North China.

Senator Is Made Minister of Finance



SENATOR PAUL DOUMER. Who has been appointed to succeed M. Loucheur as Minister of Finance in M. Briand's Cabinet.

French to Get New Tax Laws For Christmas

Finance Minister Racing With Radical-Socialist Coalition to Place Proposals Before Chamber First

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Government bills, demanding of the taxpayers several billion more francs annually, will be one of the Christmas presents of the French people. M. Doumer, the Finance Minister, succeeds in his present plans.

He is exerting himself to get his financial restoration scheme ready for presentation to the Chamber Friday morning, in order to have his bills introduced in the Chamber before the Radical-Socialist coalition see the light of day.

Amount Is Secret. The total amount of additional revenue the Government will seek remains a secret, as well as the principal details of the scheme.

It is affirmed in circles close to M. Doumer that the Minister still sticks to the idea of doubling the tax on the business turnover, but, it is asserted in the lobbies of the Chamber, that he has made concessions on that point to the Radical members of the Cabinet.

Alien Firms Still Thrive in Turkey

Predictions of Opponents of Lausanne Treaty Wrong—Business Growing

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The abolition of capitulations by the Treaty of Lausanne has not driven foreign business firms from the country as opponents of the treaty had prophesied. Figures covering a twelve months' period in 1924-25 show that twenty-five new foreign companies registered with the ministry of commerce in that period, while only thirteen foreign firms left the country.

Foreign business firms in Turkey now total 754. Under the capitulations foreigners lived under the laws of their own countries outside the jurisdiction of the Turkish legal system, just as they do today under the "extra-territorial" system in China.

Seven of the new firms are American enterprises.

Prince Edward Island To Send Trade Scout After Indies Business

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 23.—Prince Edward Island will go after West Indies trade by sending a trade commissioner to the islands January 1. In the person of Hon. H. B. McEwan, who was yesterday sworn into the cabinet of Premier Stewart with the portfolio of Trade Commissioner. He will visit the principal islands of the British West Indies with the object of finding markets for Prince Edward Island produce, and ascertaining whether products of the islands may be profitably headed here.

Tibet Called Divorcee Paradise; Much-Divorced Woman Lionized

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Stories of divorce customs in two remote sections of the world were brought to New York today by travelers arriving on the steamship Paris.

U.S. President Endorses Air Dash to North

Purpose of Arctic Aerial Expedition Commended by Mr. Coolidge—Personal Interest Also Aroused

Much Importance Attached to Flight

Possible Development of Airplane Routes Across Pole Cited—Aviation to Benefit From Project

(Special to The Colonist). DETROIT, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has endorsed the purpose of the Wilkins Arctic Expedition, it became known here today, and has bespoken his personal interest in the project which is sponsored by the American Geographical Society, the Detroit Aviation Society and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The President's comment was made in a letter to William B. Mayo, general manager of the Ford Motor Company, who is president of the Detroit Aviation Society and chairman of the board of control of the Arctic expedition. The letter was written from the White House on December 15. It reads as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Mayo,—I have your letter of December 11, signed by yourself and Mr. Fritzsche, telling me that the Detroit Aviation Society is planning to organize and privately finance an expedition to explore the land west of the North Pole. It has aroused the keenest personal interest in me."

"America has always been in the forefront of Arctic exploration and it is fitting that we should strive to be the first to open these unknown lands to the knowledge of the world. The importance to commercial aviation in the possible development of air routes across the Arctic region makes the proposed expedition of great value. Sincerely yours,

"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

C.N.R. Net Revenue Grows in November

Increase of Seventy-Three Per Cent Over 1924 Earnings Shown by Railway

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—In the month of November, 1925, the net revenues of the Canadian National Railways, after the payment of operating expenses, were \$5,436,484, an increase of \$2,716,180, or 73.13 per cent over November, 1924, and of \$1,822,107, or 39.54 per cent, over 1923.

For the eleven months of 1925, January to November, inclusive, the net revenues of the national system are \$52,916,484, an increase of \$24,675,451, an increase of \$3,729,324 as against the corresponding month of 1924.

Progressive Wins On Ontario Recount

Inclusion of Ballots First Declared Spoiled Elect J. H. King in North Huron

GODERICH, Ont., Dec. 23.—Complying with the order made by Mr. Justice Wright in the Supreme Court, Judge Lewis this morning recounted 142 ballots which had been previously rejected, and issued a new certificate on the election result in North Huron declaring J. H. King, Progressive, elected over G. W. Spence, Conservative.

By the revised count King secured 5,340 votes and Spence 5,170. After the voting in the riding on October 29 last, it was shown that the Progressive candidate was leading Spence by a small majority. It was discovered, however, that the counter-rolls had not been removed from 142 ballots and Judge Lewis held that these should not be counted. This decision gave the Conservative the riding by a majority of eight votes.

The matter was taken before Mr. Justice Wright, who decided the ballots should be counted.

Alaska Feels Quake. ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 23.—A sharp earthquake, lasting a minute, was felt here at 1 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

Canadian Bank Wins 92,000 Pound Prize In Spanish Lottery

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Evening News publishes a cable from its correspondent at Madrid stating that the Royal Bank of Canada in Barcelona has drawn a prize of 92,000 in the great Spanish Christmas lottery.

The total amount subscribed in connection with the lottery, The Evening News' correspondent says was £4,000,000, which the Spanish treasury will take £1,500,000.

The King of England? Why, Lloyd George, Says Negro

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—"What is the name of the King of England?" "Lloyd George?" "What is the capital of Canada?" "Quebec?"

"What is the principal railroad system in Canada?" "Montreal Tramways Company."

These questions and answers formed part of the evidence heard by the Federal Appeal Board on soldiers' pensions here today.

The questions were put by V. J. Locke, official soldiers' adviser at Montreal, and the answers were given by a negro war veteran appealing for payment for mental deficiency, with pay and allowances.

Commissioner of Civil Service to Be Retired Soon

Reported Yesterday That Cabinet Is Not Satisfied With Manner in Which Department Operated

Successor Not Yet Named

Mr. W. H. MacInnes, Civil Service Commissioner, is likely to be retired by the Oliver Government shortly after the New Year, according to information obtained yesterday from a source close to the Government, and it is said that already the Cabinet has discussed the choice of his successor.

Bitter criticism was directed against the Commissioner during the last session of the Legislature. Mr. H. Despard Twigg, third member for Victoria City, being the principal critic. In supporting a motion for the Commissioner's removal, Mr. Twigg declared that he was in possession of reliable information to the effect that the Commissioner's department was being operated in an inefficient manner, and the inefficiency was due to failure of the Commissioner to deal fairly with members of the Civil Service. Men were not being promoted on a basis of service and ability, he charged, and civil servants were being unfairly discharged on the slightest pretext, losing their superannuation with no opportunity of appearing before a board of inquiry.

Father Amputates Injured Son's Arm

Quebec Man Completes Work of Rotary Saw—Lad Expected to Recover

SHERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 23.—In order to save his boy's life, a father was compelled to complete the amputation of his young son's arm after it had been partly severed by a rotary saw.

Eugene Cole, a lad of eleven, had been accompanied by his father to a shed where he was making firewood by means of a small rotary saw operated by a gasoline engine. The boy's arm got caught by the saw and was nearly completely cut off before the father managed to stop the engine.

In order to remove the boy Mr. Cole was obliged to complete the work of the saw by cutting through the remaining flesh of the child's arm with his pocket knife. The boy is expected to recover.

1,600 Christmas Cargoes To Fill British Stocking

LONDON, Dec. 23.—John Bull's Christmas stocking this year will be stuffed with 1,600 shipments of Yuletide fare from markets of the world. The cargoes include apples from Canada and grapefruit from Florida.

Paper Retains Old Policy. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The recently announced retirement of J. R. L. Strachey, an active editor of The Spectator, will not mean a severance of his connections with that publication nor a change in its policy advocating closer Anglo-American relations. It was made known today.

Victory Gives War Lord New Lease of Life

Marshal Chang Advances on Wide Front Against General Kuo—Opponents Abandon Guns

Christian Leader Menaces Tientsin

Feng to Meet Stubborn Defence From Li Troops—Dutch Ministers Protest Firing on Train

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—Consular reports from Mukden say that the troops of General Kuo Sung-Lin are abandoning guns and munitions in their retreat before the forces of Marshal Tso-Lin, the Manchurian war lord, near Mukden.

Chang's troops have recaptured Paikipo, and are advancing on a wide front. The reports say that the failure of General Kuo's operations amounts to a serious setback for him.

14 Still Fighting. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Feng Yuh-shan's army has not yet entered Tientsin, The Daily Mail's correspondent on Yangtze reports.

General Feng, the "Christian General," yesterday broke through the defences of Li Ching-Lin, civil governor of Chihli province, and drove his forces back in the direction of Tientsin.

General Li now is strengthening his new line of defence, which is intact. He is prepared to oppose strongly any new attack by Feng.

Protests Fire on Train. PEKING, Dec. 24.—The Dutch minister, dozen of the Peking diplomatic corps, today presented a protest to the Foreign Office against the action of troops of Marshal Feng Yuh-shan in firing upon and turning back an international train running from Tientsin toward Shanhaiwan yesterday. The dozen also requested permission for passage of another train to Shanhaiwan, from which point passengers may resume their journeys by sea.

The train yesterday was fired upon by Feng's troops at Hsinho and compelled to return to Tientsin.

Bricklayers End "Dignity Strike"

Alderman Withdraws Charge Men Take 72 Seconds to Lay Brick—Only Take 65

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Dignity marked the settlement today of the walkout of forty English bricklayers who went on a "dignity strike" last week, declaring they would not resume work until Ald. Edward Price of the Lambeth Borough Council retracted his declaration that they required one minute twelve seconds to lay a single brick.

Ald. Price conceded that he was seven seconds off and the operation required only one minute five seconds. The bricklayers have accepted this as an apology and will return to work Monday, allowing 250 carpenters, masons and other workmen to resume their occupations, checked by the "dignity strike."

Britain Negotiates New Arabian Pact

Border Between Transjordan and Nejd Settled by Agreement With Ibn Saud

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—The text of an agreement between Great Britain and Ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd and leader of the Wahabi, whose victories in Central Arabia recently caused the abdication of King Ali of the Hedjaz, was published here today. It is considered to mark a new line of British policy in Arabia resulting from the collapse of King Ali's dynasty, which the British Government had been in close contact since the last part of the Great War.

The first article of the treaty fixes the frontier between the Sultanate of Nejd and Transjordan, which is under British mandate. The outlying territories of Wadi'ah are left within the territory of Nejd. Other articles are aimed to insure the safety of the frontiers of Transjordan, Palestine and Iraq, freedom of passage for travelers and pilgrims being guaranteed.

Erie Christmas Panic Claims Fourth Victim

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The death toll as a result of the panic late yesterday, in which three children were trampled to death, when 500 girls and boys made a wild dash for exits following the collapse of a bench at the Erie arena during a Christmas observance, was increased to four today.

Britons Would Emulate Old Parr Who Died at 152 of Over-Eating

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The memory of Thomas Parr, who set England's record of longevity by living to be 152 years old, is being invoked in a campaign by the Long Life Society in favor of simple living.

"Old Parr" lived under ten English monarchs from 1482 to 1633, and the authenticity of the record is attested by a slab in Westminster Abbey, where England's great are remembered.

Until nearly the end of his life he lived on the simplest fare—whole-grain bread, milk, cheese and fruit—and at 120 he was hale enough to marry a second time. But when he reached 152 his fame reached the ears of King Charles I, who invited him to London and feasted him so that he died.

Return From Geneva Awaited by Turkey



TEWFIK RASHIDI BEY. Head of the Turkish delegation at the recent session of the League of Nations council. Turkish action on the Mosul dispute with Great Britain is being postponed until his arrival at Ankara with his report of the Geneva proceedings.

Pontiff Attacks Godless Nations As World Pest

"Governments Organized Without Participation of Church" Decried as Greatest Evil of Modern Society

Rights of Church Denied

ROME, Dec. 23.—Pope Pius published an encyclical today in which he especially decries what he terms "the pest" of society—governments organized without participation of the church and the clergy—and gives expression to the hope that if "Christ, the King, be venerated by all the Catholics of the world" that "pest" with all its errors will be removed.

The Pontiff declares that for a long time the empire of Christ over all the peoples has been denied, even "the right of Christ to teach the people, give them laws and rule them in order to lead them to eternal happiness" has been denied.

Christian Standards Lowered. The Pope stigmatizes the fact that gradually the Christian religion has been reduced to the level of false religions, shamefully lowered to their standards. Indeed, he adds, it has been submitted to civil power, there have even been a state which thought it could do without God, and whose religion consisted in "lack of religion in contempt of God."

The consequence of such condition was "disorder among peoples, unchaining of the lowest passions, spreading of crime, degradation, greed of earthly goods, contempt of domestic duties, disorder and instabilities in families and the whole of society pushed towards ruin."

Faithful Called to Action. The close of the Holy year, the Pope believes, is opportune for the establishment of a universal festival for Christ's kingdom, which must be a symbol of incitement to a new struggle in order to awaken the faithful and encourage the faint-hearted, leading them to the triumph under the banners of Christ, the King, animated by apostolic order to preserve the rights of God against all.

Pope Pius concludes by claiming for the church "full liberty and independence" from civil power. He claims also the same liberty for all religious orders of both sexes, which greatly co-operate with the church toward the extension and improvement for the kingdom of Christ.

Man Accused of Using U.S. Mails to Incite Slaying of Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Secret service officials announced today that they had arrested William Elmer Wolfe, fifty, a violin maker, at his apartment in Oakland on a charge of using the mails to incite assassination of Federal officers. Wolfe had been sought for several years in various parts of the country for sending printed matter to Presidents Wilson and Coolidge and to a number of congressmen, hectoring their public acts and suggesting different types of punishment for the kingdom of Christ.

One Dead, Two Dying As Result of Fire

PREROCOTE, Ont., Dec. 23.—One child, Peter Boyle, aged four, is dead; Francis Boyle, aged two, is dying; and Mrs. Edward Boyle is also in a very critical condition following a fire which completely destroyed their home, a small frame house on Henry Street West, here at 10:30 o'clock tonight. Doctors held out no hope for either Mrs. Boyle or the second child.

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French Ports Badly Mauled By Big Storm

Shipping Brought to Halt by Great Gale—Moored Vessels in Harbors Damaged—Trains Delayed

Motorists Killed By Falling Trees

Monument Erected to the Memory of Jules Verne Smashed Beyond Recognition—Fields Flooded

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The storm which has swept over France seemed tonight to have fairly abated. The transatlantic liner De Graze was able to depart from Havre after having been held in port for several days.

The coast of Brittany felt the full force of the gale and navigation from Douarnenez, an important fishing town, was interrupted for two days, while at L'Orient, on the south coast, the gale lasted ten hours, causing much delay to trains and considerable damage to vessels moored in the harbor.

The violence of the tempest at Casablanca, from where the Italian aviator, Count Casagrande, hoped to take off Monday in his flight to South America, suspended all shipping operations on the Moroccan coast.

Motorists Killed. At Amiens, in "hearty" the monument erected to Jules Verne was smashed beyond recognition by a falling tree. Melting snows swelled the Rume River and flooded the fields. Drivers of automobiles in many cases met with disaster because of the flooded lands or uprooted trees. Several were killed.

Since yesterday no ship has been able to leave Bordeaux or enter the Gironde, and much damage was done to the city.

Four Hundred Homeless. LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 23.—More than 400 persons are homeless and many were gravely injured in a terrific gale which in a few minutes almost levelled the village of Espinho, a popular sea bathing resort near Oporto.

The wind lifted out of the water a vessel of four tons and hurled it more than 200 yards on a house, which it wrecked.

U.S. Will Tend Canadian War Graves in Texas

Army Department Asks Congress for Authority Perpetually to Care for Cadets' Resting-Places

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 23.—Authority to undertake perpetual care of the graves of twelve Canadian flying cadets, near Fort Worth, Texas, is to be asked of Congress by the War Department.

During the last year of the war Canadian cadets were stationed at Fort Worth flying field and twelve met their death there, being buried in Greenwood Cemetery by the courtesy of the association controlling the cemetery.

The Canadian agency of the British Imperial War Graves Commission has erected a memorial in the cemetery and sought to purchase the plot, but discovered that the Cemetery Association could not convey title.

When the Canadian agency discussed the matter with the United States War Department, Washington authorities expressed a desire to take over responsibility for the care of the graves.

Old Sailing Vessel Burns at Vancouver

John C. Potter Destroyed at Moorings—Blaze Creates Excitement

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—The former American sailing ship, John C. Potter, was destroyed by fire late this afternoon at her anchorage in Burrard Inlet off Moodyville, and considerable excitement reigned along the waterfront as the flames shot skyward.

The vessel long ago sent down her masts and yards and topmasts and for years she sailed as a barge, although she was the product of a famous New England shipyard in the State of Maine.

The John C. Potter changed hands only a week ago, when her owner, the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company, sold her to F. J. Deal, of Ocean Falls, who intended to use her for carrying lime rock and lumber to the paper plant at Ocean Falls. Her approximate value was \$5,000.

The Potter was operated by the Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company for ten years, hauling ore, lime rock and coal to the Granby Smelter at Ansox. Some time ago she proved inadequate for this service and was towed to Vancouver.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained.

Ohio Mining Disaster Takes Toll of 9 Lives

REILAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Official check today showed that nine men perished last night in a fire in the Webb Mine at Reilaire, six miles south of here. The fire is still raging in the main entrance.

RED-TAG SALE

Christmas Eve

No use trying to give you quotations, some lines are not complete, but it will repay you well to come to our store and look at the prices on the goods in the window and take a walk around the store particularly to see the 99c section.

Mitchell & Duncan, Ltd.
JEWELERS
HORACE DORER in Charge

It's Now or Never

In Christmas Shopping

Today ends it—And our entire store now turned to the task of meeting last minute gift needs—quickly, pleasantly, accurately.

Tremendous Stocks of Gift Slippers, Shoes, Hosiery, Shoe Trees, at Sale Prices

Sizes don't matter. We'll cheerfully exchange after Xmas.

The British Boot Shop **MUNDAY'S** 1115 Government St.

To Our Patrons and Friends We Wish a

Merry Christmas
and a

Prosperous New Year

Cameron Wood & Coal Co., Ltd.

Office in the Moody Block (Upstairs), Cor. Yates and Broad Streets

Went O'Hara Proceeds—
CORNOVA, Alaska, Dec. 23.—The
steamship West O'Hara, which was
disabled in a storm when her rudder
and portion of her stern were torn

KIRKHAM'S GROCERERIA

749-751 YATES STREET

Grocerteria Prices

Help to Solve Your Christmas Problems

Turkey, for small families, up from \$2.00
Choice Table Butter, lb. 47¢, 3 lbs. for \$1.38
Christmas Mixed Candy, lb. 15¢, 3 lbs. for 40¢

Lump Sugar and Icing 25¢
Sugar, 3 lbs. for 58¢
Prepared Almond Paste, per lb. 58¢

Libby's Asparagus Tips, round tins 19¢

Fancy Quality Canned Peaches, reg. 40¢ tin 32¢
Dishco Sliced Pineapple, reg. 20¢ tins 15¢

Choice Home-Made Mince meat, per lb. 17¢

Fletcher's Mild Cured Christmas Hams, whole, per lb. 33¢
Domestic Shortening, per lb. 18¢
Picnic Hams, per lb. 20¢

Strictly Fresh Eggs, firsts, per doz. 50¢, pullet extras 45¢
Kraft Cheese, per lb. 39¢
Peanut Butter, per lb. 16¢

Reception Plum Puddings, \$2.25 size \$1.95, \$1.50 size \$1.25

Choice Mixed Nuts, all new season's nuts (no peanuts), 2 lbs for 55¢, per lb. 28¢

Red Emperor Grapes, lb. 20¢
California Table Raisins, 22¢
Finest Turkey Layer Figs, per lb. 40¢ and 35¢
Spanish Raisins, lb. 50¢
Calimyrna Figs, 3 pkts. 25¢
Dainty Dates, 1-lb. pkts. 25¢
Fine Juicy Lemons, doz. 17¢
New Bulk Dates, lb. 10¢

Sweet Navel Oranges, doz. 50¢, 40¢, 30¢ and 20¢

Fresh Local Celery, head 5¢
Hard Dry Onions, 10 lbs. 25¢
Fresh Local Cauliflower, each 15¢
Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs. 25¢

WONDERFUL VALUES IN CANDY

Hand-Rolled Chocolates, 5-lb. box \$1.50, 3-lb. box 95¢

Assorted Hard and Soft Chocolates, bulk, per lb. 25¢
Christmas Mixed Candy, lb. 15¢
In 20-lb. lots, per lb. 12½¢
Star Creams, lb. 25¢
French Jellies, lb. 25¢

TURKEYS, GEESSE, DUCKS, CHICKENS AND FOWL

PRIME STEER BEEF AND YOUNG PORK

Turkeys, up from, lb. 32¢
Shoulders Young Pork, lb. 19¢
Geese, per lb. 27¢
Loins Young Pork, lb. 30¢
Ducks, per lb. 32¢
Legs Young Pork, lb. 28¢
Roasting Chicken, lb. 40¢, 35¢
Pork Sausage Meat, 2 lbs. 52¢
Fresh-Killed Boiling Fowl, per lb. 30¢ and 25¢
Stewing Veal, 3 lbs. 32¢

Thirteen Shopping Hours Remain To Prepare Way for Santa Claus

Christmas Spirit Abroad in Earnest as Final Day Arrives in Which to Make Last-Minute Purchases for Stocking, Hamper or Christmas Tree

By this time tomorrow morning Santa Claus will have come and gone. In the meantime there are thirteen shopping hours left in which to gather up all the last-minute purchases which he is to pack into his sack before he begins his stealthy round of the homes in Victoria where stockings and Christmas trees are awaiting his attentions. For the shops do not close until 10 o'clock tonight, although they open at the usual hour of 9 a.m.

Yesterday and the day before the streets and shops were a joyously bewildering spectacle to the "Country Cousin," unaccustomed to so much movement and clamor as the shopping district presented any time between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon or in the early part of the evening. Even the town dweller, seasoned to average commotion and bustle, caught a pleasant surprise in the movement from the unusual coming and going, and elbow-rubbing became a part of the technique of the great Christmas shopping of goodwill.

Shops Pleased
The stores were pleased a fortnight ago because the public had taken their advice and begun their shopping early. Yesterday the stores were just as pleased because there were, as they always expected there would be, hosts of late shoppers who brought with them not only a welcome hum of voices and the Christmas atmosphere, but lots of hard cash.

Now there is still today ahead. And numerous firms called upon by The Colonist yesterday expressed confident expectations that it would be a big day.

What we are chiefly selling this week is the smaller things which people can take home themselves. One big department store informed the reporter:

The big things, "things on wheels," things which could not be tucked into a basket or a great coat pocket, were ordered and paid for weeks ago, and chiefly delivered then by the firm from whom they were purchased, or kept in reserve until, say, about the middle of last week, before the real delivery rush had come. But on the whole the big establishments have nearly doubled their delivery service staff during the past week, to cope with the increased business. Today is the great efficiency test for these men, as most of the stores are making a superhuman effort to deliver anything which is purchased up to about midday.

As it is, some of the wagons will not finish their work until about midnight. Undoubtedly there will be more than one encounter between the expressman and Santa Claus, who has an impatient habit of lingering about doorsteps if the particular thing he wants for that particular house has not yet arrived.

Blinks and Winks

The worst of Christmas is that things look rather colorless after it is over and all the gleaming baubles and bright lights and twinkling fun of it are taken away. But in the meantime there is little thought of this. "Everyone has seemed very happy today," heaped the manager of one of the big concerns yesterday afternoon. The crowd was pushing this way and that through the aisles, leading from the stationery to crockery, and from music and books to groceries. And all the indications were of freer-than-air shopping. Not on very big things at this late hour. But on cups and saucers, lampshades, calendars, the latest novel, candies and things of that kind which can be dropped into a pocket or a basket.

The weather has been no deterrent. The rain hasn't kept people at home. And it has suggested a form of Christmas present. A Government Street firm which has always rather specialized on umbrellas, has done a very gratifying business in the smart, short shapes which are so popular at present. And very appropriately its suggestions (partly in anticipation, partly for mere ornament's sake) there are all manner of handkerchiefs at hand. Such handkerchiefs one never did see so popular at present. And very appropriately its suggestions (partly in anticipation, partly for mere ornament's sake) there are all manner of handkerchiefs at hand. Such handkerchiefs one never did see so popular at present.

Silk Popular
Synthetic silk has put silk underwear at last within the reach of the business girl's purse as well as that of the lady of wealth and fashion. One firm states that they have never before done such a big business in silk "undies." And Christmas dresses are being given in unusual numbers as Christmas gifts.

Men are becoming very daring shoppers. They fear ornaments ask once they have made up their minds. "Give me the wildest pair of garters you have in stock," one man appealed at the hosiery counter of a certain store two or three days ago. His demands were satisfied, although he took unquestioningly what was handed to him.

"Men are not so frightened as they used to be, but they sure need a lot of help. I guess they let their wives think that they did all the choosing, though," a silk underwear department clerk informed The Colonist at one place.

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on hand for dinner and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday," one prudent manager requested of The Colonist. The reminder is timely. The stores are to be closed all day on Saturday, and sufficient supplies of such things as bread and butter, tea, meat, fresh vegetables, fruit, which are almost indispensable, should be in the store-room to last over the three days' holiday.

Christmas Cards

The postman will be the busiest man tomorrow. But everyone should try to get Christmas cards and mailed parcels into the postoffice or collection boxes as early as possible in order to give the sorters a chance. The sale of Christmas cards this year has been phenomenal. A firm which has been dealing in these for ten or twelve years says that the sale has surpassed all records. Evidently this form of greeting has grown in popularity.

The picture stores give a very favorable report this year, too. Apparently there is, side-by-side with the demand for calendars and Christmas cards, a demand for good, small color reproductions of art, etchings, candles, candlesticks, "The Red Box" goods, towels, dollies, writing paper and correspondence cards, gloves, ties, scarves, suspenders, hosiery, socks and numerous other small things which fit into parcels easily posted at the last moment for tomorrow's delivery.

Mr. H. W. Hart to Run in Oak Bay

Ex-Service Man Seeks Council Seat—Reeve May Be Returned Unopposed

Mr. H. W. Hart, of 813 Island Road, will be a candidate at the coming municipal election in Oak Bay for one of the three vacant seats on the Oak Bay Council.

This intimation was made to The Colonist last night by Mr. Hart, who is seeking municipal honors in Oak Bay for the first time. Mr. Hart has been a resident of Oak Bay for a considerable period. He served overseas during the Great War, and since his return, has taken a keen interest in returned soldiers' activities.

Mr. Hart was one of the organizers of the Victoria Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, which was the first unit of ex-service men established in Canada after the signing of the Armistice.

Definitely in the Field

Councillor W. H. Meares is the only one of the three retiring council members definitely to state he would again be a candidate. He has had numerous requests to seek re-election, and considered it his duty to place his name before the electors.

At the last meeting of the Oak Bay Municipal Voters' League, Councillor Edwards declared that he would be willing to seek re-election. If supported by that organization, the latter body has not yet endorsed any aspirants for any office in the coming election.

Councillor H. L. Wilson, who is completing his first term on the council, has not yet made a statement regarding his intentions.

Ex-Councillor Arthur Crease, of 913 Poul Road, will be a candidate for a council seat next month.

No Opposition Develops
No opposition to Reeve Annesmo has yet developed, and it would not be surprising if the present incumbent of the chief magistrate's chair was accorded a second term by acclamation.

Trustees E. M. McConnan, J. C. McNeill and W. H. Ruffell, retiring members of the Oak Bay School Board, are expected to seek re-election.

Police Commissioner J. D. MacDonald's two year term of office on the Oak Bay Police Commission expires in January, while "Cap" W. E. Tapley has another year to serve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Catterall Honored

Miss Gladys Sheret, on Behalf of Staff, Makes Presentation of Gift to Company's Head

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Catterall were yesterday afternoon the recipients of a lovely cut glass bowl from members of the staff of Mr. Harry Catterall, well-known local firm of contractors.

Miss Gladys Sheret, on behalf of the staff of the concern, presented Mr. and Mrs. Catterall with the gift. She said that the present was not a Christmas gift, but was an expression of esteem in which they were held by the employees, and an appreciation of the courtesies rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Catterall to their staff during the past year.

Mr. Ernest J. Dickens supplemented Miss Sheret's words with a few remarks.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Catterall, on behalf of Mrs. Catterall and himself, thanked the staff for their kind remembrance and voiced his appreciation of the compliment paid them by the employees of the company. He extended to the members of the staff best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Suicides by Poison

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 23.—George Guyer, forty-eight, dependent and friendless, drank half an ounce of poison yesterday and died in agony shortly afterward in a hospital.

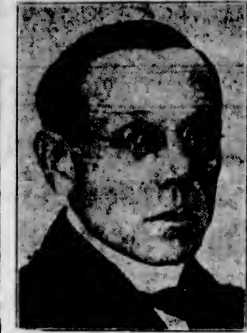
French Military Aviation

PARIS, Dec. 23.—France will spend 257,000,000 francs on its military aviation service during 1924. The amount was voted in the Chamber of Deputies today after lively opposition from the Socialists.

Japanese Student's Funeral

OSHAWA, Dec. 23.—The funeral of Miss Hana Kobayashi, Japanese student at the ladies' college at Whitby, was held here yesterday. The remains will be cremated and the ashes sent to her father in Tokio.

Main Food Supply Is Canadian Wheat



LORD BRADBURY
Chairman of the British Food Council, who has made public the seriousness of the food question in the Old Land, as a result of the exposure of the Soviet's extravagant and unfounded forecasts of a bumper crop. There is scarcely enough wheat in the world to go around, the council was told, and the main supply is Canadian wheat.

Bridge Work on E. & N. Railway Now Suspended

Considerable Work Has Been Done in Connection With Filling in of Bridges—Malahat Logging Line

Bridge work, proceeding in connection with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, has been halted for a few days during the Christmas season. It has been possible to extend this undertaking considerably later than usual owing to the mildness of the season. This work has been done chiefly in the section between Parksville and Union Bay, in the portion opened for traffic in 1914, where trestles have been replaced and gulleys filled in.

Most of the logging camps throughout the Island have closed down, and will remain idle in some cases until Monday, as a result of January 4. It is stated that track laying will proceed shortly on the Hemmingen line from Malahat Station into the new limits of Mr. Hemmingen, where he is constructing a mill. The line is now ready for steel.

Crime Orgy Marks Chicago Christmas

Four Murders Emphasize Feud Among Gunman Gangs of Windy City

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Four murders and a suicide in a pre-Christmas outburst of gang feuds, pistol fights and robberies were under police investigation today.

War between liquor factions was held responsible for the deaths of John Brown, anti drink party owner and alleged dynamiter, and Edward Harmering, county highway policeman. Their bullet-riddled bodies were found slumped in a ditch, abandoned in a south side park. Two retired policemen, friends for years, quarreled in the lobby of the Central Trust Company, in the business district. One shot and killed the other. When his old enemy fell, he gun against his head and killed himself.

Caught in a crossfire between two robbers and the owner of a drugstore, Leo Reel, twenty-three, a drug clerk, working his first day in the drugstore, was shot to death.

Condemned Men to Spend Christmas in Solitude

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Christmas was a lonely day for two young men who sit in solitary cells in the provincial jail awaiting the day of their execution.

In one cell is John Baker Stanton; in the other Steve Nazary. Neither will see the other until they are marched to the gallows on the morning of February 9.

Under a continuous watch, the condemned men will, on Christmas Day, in accordance with custom, be given the best food for their holiday repast. Nothing within reason will be refused for the dinner, but both will be required to eat their meals in solitude and under the shadow of death.

Toronto Telegraphers Vote for New Union

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—By a unanimous vote members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America in the employ of the Canadian National Telegraphs in Toronto, decided tonight at a meeting here to secede from the International Union. On Tuesday telegraphers in Winnipeg took similar action.

Motion Censures Ottawa for Curtailing Pensions

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—A motion censuring the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in respect of the curtailment of pensions to returned soldiers with twenty per cent disability or less has been placed on the order paper of the House by T. L. Church, Conservative member for Toronto Northwest. The motion urges the House to support more generous and humane treatment to veterans generally and aid those in distress.

Oil Production Increases

RICHMOND, Dec. 23.—Figures available today show that Rumania's oil production for 1923 will reach the record figure of 2,300,000 metric tons, a twenty-five per cent increase over the 1922 production.

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All-Wool Imported Golf Hose at \$2.50 to \$7.50

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Silk and Wool Crepe Ties at \$1.50
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Public Market Experiences Big Christmas Rush

Crowds Throng Building From Early Morning Until Late in Evening Purchasing Supplies for Festivities

Open Throughout Today

Stallholders at the Victoria Public Market yesterday experienced a rush of busy Christmas shoppers such as had seldom been seen in recent years. From early in the morning until well on in the evening crowds flocked to the big building empty-handed, and came out laden with local produce for the festive board. Today the market will again be open, and the opportunities of selecting most of the Christmas supplies within the confines of the market will, no doubt, be availed by many.

Stalls yesterday presented a cheery and welcoming appearance. Christmas greens, artificial decorations and flowers gave the market a truly festive appearance. Local turkeys, geese, chicken, duck and other delicacies, symbolical of the approaching festive season, were displayed in large quantities, while green grocers had an extra abundance of their produce on hand to comply with the increased demands of the Christmas table.

Turkeys Vary Slightly

Strictly local turkeys yesterday varied slightly in price, but the general price appeared to be fifty-five cents per pound, while in a few cases birds were disposed of at as low as fifty, and in some cases, for specially raised birds, at sixty cents a pound. Geese were generally priced at from thirty to thirty-five cents per pound, while chicken and ducks were quoted at forty to forty-five and forty-five to fifty cents, respectively.

Cut flowers were in great demand, and many of the stallholders, having supplies, disposed of their stocks early, and were forced to bring in additional supplies. Chrysanthemums commanded the chief market over all flowers, and sold at prices ranging from seventy-five cents a spray to three dollars per dozen. Cyclamen, statice and holly also found favor.

Eggs Take Big Drop

Eggs took an unexpected drop yesterday, and all grades were quoted at ten cents per dozen cheaper than last week. Extras sold for fifty-five, while firsts and B.C. pullet extras went at fifty and forty-five, respectively.

Tomatoes were unchanged in price from last week, and the demand greatly exceeded the supply. Great quantities of cabbage, cauliflower, celery, spinach and Brussels sprouts were available, and a large amount found its way to the various homes.

Funeral Services Held For Veteran C.P.R. Man

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Funeral services for the late Frederick Baker, for nearly fifty years associated with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and for many years paymaster of the company at Vancouver, were held this morning in the Holy Rosary Cathedral. The remains will be forwarded to London, England, for interment.

The late Mr. Baker was a nephew of the celebrated Samuel Milmo, M.P., who entered the British Parliament as Liberal member for Devon in 1848. Mr. Baker was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1855, and as a boy lived with his famous uncle, "the Railway King," at the "Railway Hotel," near Sheffield.



Lady Helper (as the curate squeals sharply): "Hark at him! Up to his nonsense again!"

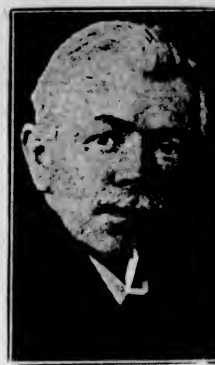
—From The Humorist.

Hamilton's Street Railway

HAMILTON, ONT., Dec. 23.—The street railway committee last night submitted to the board of control a proposal for the solution of Hamilton's street railway (angle) under which the system would be operated by a commission. The plan will be offered to the street railway company for approval. One member would be appointed by the city council, one by the Ontario Railway Board and the third member might be elective.

French Offer Amnesty

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Beirut says that the French high commissioner in Syria, M. Jouvenel, has promised full amnesty to all rebels who surrender within fifteen days. The leaders who fulfil the conditions are assured safety until peace is concluded.

Sweated Heads Do More Harm Than Fatheads

"Socialists are fatheads," in the elegant English of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, J. R. Clynes, M.P., Lord Privy Seal and deputy leader in the House of Commons in the late Labor Government, in a speech at Roehampton, but "much more harm is being done in the world by sweated heads than by fatheads," Clynes added.

Wallflowers Are as Seasonable Now as Holly and Mistletoe

WHEN Victoria says "Merry Christmas!" she sometimes says it with flowers, and her conversation on this subject is most strenuous this year. The Y.W.C.A. yesterday received a small bunch of flowers grown in the garden of Mrs. F. C. Niven, St. Patrick Street. The bouquet consisted of snowdrops, violets and fragrant wallflowers. Intimations have reached The Colonist that roses and poppies are among the flowers that grace Victoria's gardens this festive season.

Liquor Cheques And Racing Tax Money Allotted

Area of Greater Victoria to Receive Substantial Payments From Finance Minister in Santa Claus Role

Second Division This Year

British Columbia possesses a Santa Claus who spends a great deal of his time in a building a great deal bigger than either the Hudson's Bay or Spencer stores. His name is Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, and his workshop is the Parliament Buildings, across the Bay. That he is a Santa Claus of "Hivy Tillou" order was demonstrated yesterday when he announced that Greater Victoria would receive a substantial Christmas present as its share of Provincial liquor profits and pari-mutuel taxes. Altogether, \$591,799 will be distributed among the municipalities of British Columbia from the Minister's office during the next few days. Of this total, liquor profits comprise \$424,454, covering the period of six months up to September 30, 1925, and \$167,315 pari-mutuel taxes collected

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First Aid Instructor Receives Presentation

A pleasing event of the season took place at the Armories last night when the boys of the Victoria Sea Cadet Corps presented ex-Brig. Major C. W. Jones with a gold watch in appreciation of his services as instructor of the first aid classes of the brigade.

The presentation was made on behalf of the brigade by Petty Officer Boy Stewart, and in a few well chosen words of reply Mr. Jones impressed upon the boys that voluntary service and assistance to their fellow man was the very foundation of all first aid work, and the thought of reward was to be the last thing in their minds. He advised them to enter for the Wallace Nesbitt shield competition, which will take place shortly and to strive for the highest marks obtainable. He hoped they would beat the other fellows in efficiency, but if they did not, they would give all the credit where it was due.

Decay of Hong Kong Laid to Bolsheviki

London Newspaper Publishes Interviews Showing Alarming State of Affairs

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The continual civil war between rival factions, the increase of piracy, the disorganization of the railways and the spread of the influence of Chinese Bolshevism, which has its headquarters at Canton, northward along the coast, are raising the decay of the "magnificent British colony of Hong Kong."

This is the conclusion reached in interviews appearing in The Westminster Gazette by the spokesmen of leading British firms doing business in the Far East.

They brought out that in its boycott of Hong Kong the Canton Government prohibits Norwegian, Japanese and German ships from proceeding to Canton if they touch first at Hong Kong, while British ships are barred absolutely from the Canton River.

Fatal Grain Fire

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the 100,000 bushel grain warehouse of E. Steen & Brother here last night, took the life of one fireman and injured five others. Captain Harry C. Jones, fifty-one, aide to Fire Chief August Emrich, was fatally crushed under falling timbers.

Four Firemen Dead And Five Injured

Three-Quarters of Million Damage and Lives Lost in Outbreak in Pennsylvania

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five others injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynesburg early today. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of others damaged, the total loss being estimated at \$750,000. The firemen were crushed under a falling wall.

The dead: Harvey Call, William Finch, Joseph Rifenburg and Thurman Long.

All those in the casualty list were members of the Waynesburg Fire Company.

Buildings that were destroyed were the Downey Hotel, a three-story brick structure, the Grossman Building, a

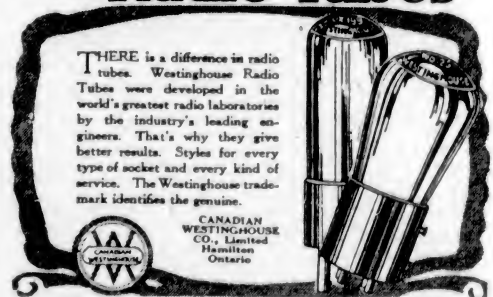
four-story brick building, and the First Presbyterian Church. The four victims were turning water into the hotel building when a wall collapsed, trapping them in the debris. The injured firemen, fighting the flames nearby, had sufficient warning to enable them to make their escape from under the wall, but were struck by bricks.

The fire was discovered in a restaurant located in the hotel building. It quickly spread to other structures. Guests in the hotel escaped in their night clothing and lost all their belongings.

Chiropractors must be a healthy class. They are always feeling well.

\$45,000 Suit Dismissed

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—A suit for \$45,000 damages, instituted by Andrew Benson against the Quebec Development Company as compensation for disability alleged to have resulted from an explosion of dynamite while in the company's employ, was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice Boyer, in the Superior Court.

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Numeral "Five" and "Nine" Are Puzzle to Chinese on Telephone

Not many people could answer off hand what is the numeral which proves most puzzling to the local Chinese colony in using the telephone. B.C. Telephone Company officials say the situation here is shared by other Chinese communities up-island in pronouncing the English language.

The principal confusion, it appears, is in connection with the use of the numerals "five" and "nine," which are frequently mixed, so that wrong persons are called up in consequence. The Chinese have a great habit of

nocturnal conversations, so that when the numbers get mixed some highly picturesque expressions in broken English often float over the wire to surprised operators.

The company is having a check made of its Chinese services here to ascertain if the regulations with regard to the distinction between business and house telephones is being properly respected.

Tribune Editor to Pay Court Costs of \$3,000

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Court costs against J. E. Cowper, editor of The Saturday Tribune and judgment debtor to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baker for libel, reached today by G. L. Fraser, solicitor for the successful plaintiff.

Argument on the costs of the criminal action, when Cowper, by private prosecution was convicted and fined \$200 for defamatory libel, will be argued by Walter Haskins and Mr. Fraser before Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald at the first of the new year.

It has been estimated that the costs of that trial will approximate \$1,500.

Arrangements for the season were made at a meeting of the Victoria Boys' Work Board, held in the local Y.M.C.A. building. It is explained that the season is in no sense a "mock parliament" to discuss issues over which the boys have no control, but a genuine legislative meeting when issues concerning boys' work in the churches and in the Young Men's Christian associations throughout the Province will be considered and debated. The parliament is held under the auspices of the Boys' Work Board of the Religious Educational Council of British Columbia, of which the Rev. E. R. McLean is secretary. The chairman of the local committee is Mr. W. T. Straith, and the secretary, Mr. George Porteous.

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BUMPER crops and good prices have given Western farmers an opportunity to visit scenes of boyhood days. Britshers who took up farm lands in the Canadian West are taking advantage of the good season to sail back home for a view of familiar but long hidden sights and faces. Every East-bound train carries scores of happy men and women bound for the Old Country.

Christmas and New Year in London! What visions these exiled sons of England had conjured up in the long lean years before they wrested from the soil their means of return. And now, to be there again. Of course, it is only for a while. But they are able to return to their respective places in the scheme of affairs in their adopted country and work with increased enthusiasm to make their lands yield the maximum. They are better citizens for they will endeavor to make this Canada the staunchest and most prosperous link in the British Empire.

Every prosperous farmer who returns to Great Britain is the best advertisement the Dominion of Canada could

possibly have. Every one of these is a booster, proving conclusively that men with the determination to work can and do win out in this country.

Travelers who intended to reach the Old Country for Christmas came on the Imperial special from the West in time to board the Canadian Pacific liners Metagama and Melita at Saint John, N.B. About two hundred and fifty passengers crossed in time to get the St. Melita on December 10, while three hundred and fifty Canadians arrived in Saint John for the St. Metagama, sailing on December 11.

In these groups were passengers intended for various parts of the British Isles, one distinctive family group being Mrs. George Patterson, of Vancouver, with her four smiling Canadian-born children. Snapped aboard the first Canadian Pacific holiday special as the train passed through Winnipeg, Mrs. Patterson said she was paying a visit to her native heath in Scotland at Road Meeting, Carlisle, Lancashire, for the first time since she came to Canada, twelve years ago.

Boys' Parliament Starts Session Here Next Week

Fifty Boys, Representing Nearly All Districts of the Province, Gathering in Capital City

Six Local Representatives

On Monday of next week the 1925 session of the B.C.E.T. Older Boys' Parliament opens its annual session in the Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings. The session will take place on Thursday, when prorogation will take place.

Altogether the parliament will consist of fifty boys, forty-one Tuxia Boys and nine Trail-Rangers, and nearly all parts of British Columbia will be represented, including Cranbrook, Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Penticton, West Kootenay, Vernon, Enderby, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Merritt, Agassiz, Milner, Ladner, Port Moody, New Westminster, Gibsons Landing, Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

Arrangements for the season were made at a meeting of the Victoria Boys' Work Board, held in the local Y.M.C.A. building. It is explained that the season is in no sense a "mock parliament" to discuss issues over which the boys have no control, but a genuine legislative meeting when issues concerning boys' work in the churches and in the Young Men's Christian associations throughout the Province will be considered and debated. The parliament is held under the auspices of the Boys' Work Board of the Religious Educational Council of British Columbia, of which the Rev. E. R. McLean is secretary. The chairman of the local committee is Mr. W. T. Straith, and the secretary, Mr. George Porteous.

Paschelle Family Tree, Several Yards Long, Produced in Court

In Chambers yesterday morning there was produced in court a large family tree, several yards in length, made consequent upon the winding up of an estate which has become well known in this city owing to trouble which the city has had in adjusting its claims upon the property that was left. The city at the present time is the custodian of the estate.

The estate is that of the late Grace M. M. Paschelle. Application was made on behalf of some of the claimants when Mr. A. D. Crease produced the family tree which, he said, had been prepared, showing as far as could be ascertained, all the relations. Mr. C. L. Harrison, for the city, said it was proposed to have Mr. C. H. O'Halloran act for all not otherwise represented, and Mr. Harry Lawson informed the court that he appeared for some claimants and that there had been others who had requested him to act for them just recently.

The court expressed agreement with the arrangement to have Mr. O'Halloran appear for those not otherwise represented.

Washington Christmas Trees

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Christmas tree shipments from the State of Washington this season amounted to 260 carloads, containing approximately 750,000 trees and brought about \$234,000 to the shippers. It was announced this morning by George C. Joy, state supervisor of forestry.

Abductor Appeals

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Convicted of abduction of a fourteen-year-old girl and sentenced to "two years" definite and two years' indefinite imprisonment, John Loftus has entered an appeal. Loftus claims that the girl at the time of the alleged abduction was not under the control of her guardian.

Re-elected to Cabinet Of Boys' Parliament



WILLIAM J. BELL

Attorney-General in the second C.S.E.T. Boys' Parliament, who was re-elected by acclamation in Vancouver South, and who will take a prominent part in the session to open here next Monday.

Obituary

KOW—The death occurred at Gordon Head last Tuesday of Wong Chee Kow, aged fifty-three years. He was a native of Canton, China, and had been a resident of this city for the last twenty years. The funeral will take place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel this afternoon at 2:30 and interment will be made in the Chinese Cemetery.

MURRAY—The body of the late Mrs. Isadore Ellen Murray is reposing at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service has been arranged for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel by Mr. J. M. Healy. The hymn sung was "O Gentle Presence, Peace and Joy and Power." Many friends were present, and a profusion of floral tributes were received. At the close of the service the body was forwarded to Vancouver for cremation.

ANGUS—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Angus took place at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning from her late residence and proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral, where service was held by the Very Rev. Dean Quinlan, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Fatt and the Rev. T. M. Hughes. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Angus, J. A. Angus, D. J. Angus, E. T. Rogers, P. T. Rogers and J. C. Bridgman. The body was laid to rest in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BOLDING—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ruby May Bolding, wife of Mr. William Bolding, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tuesday, will take place this morning from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:50 o'clock, and ten minutes later mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral by the Rev. Father Dealey. The body will be laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery. The late Mrs. Bolding is survived by her husband and three children. She was twenty-seven years of age and a native daughter.

GLOVER—The death took place last evening at the family residence, 2307 Howard Street, of Mrs. Alice Martha Glover, wife of Mr. Edward Glover, aged thirty-eight years. Deceased was born in Barrie, Ontario, and had been a resident of this city for the last seven years. The late Mrs. Glover is survived by, besides her husband, one son and one daughter, also her mother, Mrs. Annie Braden, at home, and one brother, Mr. A. W. Braden, in Vancouver. The body is resting at the Sands Funeral Chapel and the funeral date will be announced later.

Negotiations on Power Extension To Be Resumed

B.C. Electric Railway Company Hopes to Reconsider Proposed Up-Island Transmission Line

Protracted Delays Arise

Negotiations will be resumed early in the New Year looking to the extension of the B.C. Electric Railway power line up-island. Announcement to this effect was made by local officials on learning that the negotiations between the Nanaimo City Council and the Nanaimo Heat, Light & Power Company had not reached a conclusion.

Recently a representative of the company attended a committee meeting in Nanaimo to discuss the question, under the auspices of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, but until the decision announced above was available, it was considered unwise to proceed with the scheme.

The company's project is to build from Bamerton north, using the Island Highway as far as possible, and to sell power in bulk to the municipalities of Duncan and Ladysmith, and to the Nanaimo Light Company.

The cost of construction of this power line is estimated at about \$400,000.

The scheme is strongly supported in Duncan and Ladysmith from a domestic lighting standpoint. To warrant the heavy initial expenditure by the B.C. Electric a great industrial expansion in southern Vancouver Island is desired.

The terms to Councils

The company's offer to the city of Duncan, as laid before the Council on June 15, and then considered satisfactory, is as follows:

To construct the necessary transmission lines and to install the required step-down transformers and meters in the city's power station on Front Street, and to sell power in bulk to the municipality at the following rates:

First 20,000 k.w.h., 4 1/2 cents per k.w.h.

Next 20,000 k.w.h., 3 1/2 cents per k.w.h.

All over 50,000 k.w.h., 2 1/2 cents per k.w.h.

The city of Duncan is to guarantee to purchase current to the extent of \$15,000 per annum.

To Ladysmith the offer was similar, except a minimum of \$10,000 per annum is set, and a price of 5 cents per k.w.h. for the first block of power, as against 4 1/2 cents to Duncan.

By-Laws Necessary

Both Duncan and Ladysmith would have to submit a by-law to the electors before a contract could be entered into. Owing to the delays this course has yet to be followed.

Distinctive Afternoon Gowns

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THE natural desire to present something distinctive is offered unusual opportunity in this store's display of silk dresses.

Each frock is a production for this store only in Victoria and there are scores of delightful models to choose from. Prices from

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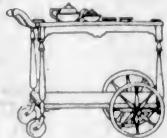
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- Set 2 Includes one bath towel, one guest towel and one wash cloth. Price **\$2.95**
- Set 3 Includes one bath towel, one guest towel and two wash cloths. Per set **\$5.95**
- Set 4 Includes one bath towel, two bath towels, two guest towels and two wash cloths. Price, per set **\$7.95**
- Main Floor, H.B.C.



Gift Suggestions for the Home

- Tea Wagons Walnut Tea Wagons, with glass bottom tray. Price, each **\$20.50**
- Tea Wagons Quarter Cut Oak Tea Wagons, with glass bottom tray. Price **\$20.50**
- Tea Wagons Solid Walnut Drop-Leaf Tea Wagons, with glass bottom tray and extra leaves. Price, each **\$45.00**
- Lady Maid Tea Wagons With large cupboard and electric wiring for attaching to floor plug, drop leaves and glass bottom tray. Price, each **\$50.50**
- Console Tables Dark Oak Console Tables in attractive designs, one drawer. Price **\$32.50**
- Console Mirrors Walnut framed, size 18 by 29, shaped top. Price **\$19.50**
- Hall Chairs Old English Oak Chairs with carved backs. Price, **\$17.50**
- Hall Chairs Solid walnut in Queen Anne design, cane panel and brown leather seat. Price **\$19.50**
- Windsor Chairs Walnut finished, spindle bow backs and turned legs. Price **\$9.75**
- Windsor Arm Chairs Windsor style with cut-out centre panel. Price, **\$15.50**
- Pictures 12 Only, walnut framed, also genuine oil paintings, unframed. Values, to \$7.00. Special at **\$2.95**
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Gift Suggestions in Silverware

- Hundreds of Dainty Gift Pieces in Neat Lined Boxes. Wm. Rogers' Ware
- Fruit Spoons, each **\$2.15**
- Berry Spoons, each **\$2.15**
- Dessert Servers, each **\$2.65**
- Cold Meat Forks, each **\$1.35**
- Pie or Cream Knives. Priced at, each **\$2.65**
- Pierced Tomato Servers, each **\$2.65**
- Teaspoons 6 for **\$2.00**
- Pickle Forks, each **80c**
- Sugar Shells, each **70c**
- Jelly Servers, each **\$1.45**
- Salad Forks 6 for **\$5.15**
- Butter Spreaders 6 for **\$4.60**
- Grapefruit Spoons 6 for **\$3.20**
- Special Sale of English Stainless Steel Knives
- Stainless Steel Dessert Knives Set of 6, Special at **\$2.95**
- Stainless Steel Dinner Knives Set of 6, Special at **\$3.45**
- Stainless Steel Dessert Knives Six in raked box. Priced at **\$3.45**
- Stainless Steel Table Knives Six in raked box. Priced at **\$3.95**
- Stainless Steel Dessert Knives Six in raked box. Priced at **\$4.25**
- Stainless Steel Dinner Knives Six in raked box. Priced at **\$4.75**
- Stainless Steel Carving Sets Set of two pieces. Priced at, per set **\$3.95**
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Fancy Table Linens

Acceptable Gifts

- Hand Embroidered Madeira Linens
- Round Doilies, 39c to **\$1.25**
- Oval Doilies, 69c to **\$1.75**
- Tray Cloths **\$1.25**
- Centres **\$2.75**
- Lunch Cloths **\$6.50**
- to **\$14.50**
- Bridge Sets **\$11.95**
- Napkins, per dozen **\$5.95**
- Novelty Bridge Sets Pure linen with colored overchecks. Cloth and four napkins. Per set **\$5.95**
- Colored Linen Lunch Cloths In gold, helio and blue. Size 54 by 54. Price **\$2.75**
- Napkins to match, priced at 6 for **\$1.75**
- Irish Linen Hand Embroidered Tray Cloths In beautiful designs. Size 20 by 30. Prices **\$1.25**
- to **\$2.95**
- All-Linen Hemstitched Tea Napkins High grade Irish linen. Size 12 by 12. Per dozen **\$3.95**
- Italian Hand Embroidered Fancy Linens Elaborately embroidered in charming designs. Prices: 5-Piece Bridge Sets **\$9.50**
- 7-Piece Tea Sets **\$13.50**
- 13-Piece Lunch Sets **\$21.50**
- 13-Piece Dinner Sets priced at **\$45.00**
- Tan Lace Edge Runners and Scarves Embroidered in colored designs. Special at, each **\$1.49**
- Suggestions From the Hardware Section
- Aluminum Cocktail Shakers Pint size, strainer top. Price, each **\$1.25**
- Aluminum Toast Racks Highly polished, holds four pieces of toast. Price, **\$1.00**
- Aluminum Moulds for Jellies or Puddings Pint size, different styles. Price **30c, 35c**
- Other styles at **45c**
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Store Open This Evening Until 10 o'Clock

Moccasin Slippers

For All Members of the Family

- Men's sizes, per pair **\$2.10**
- Women's sizes, per pair **\$1.50**
- Children's sizes, per pair **\$1.25**
- Infants' sizes, per pair **75c**
- Fur Dept., 2nd Floor, H.B.C.



Gift Umbrellas

For Women and Children

- Gloria Covered Umbrellas Plummy style, novelty carved handles. Black only. Price, each **\$4.50**
- Gloria Covered Umbrellas Gloria covers, with alternate satin stripes; plummy style. White or amber tips. Price, each **\$4.95**
- Gloria Covered Umbrellas Satin border, novelty handles. Various colors. Price **\$5.50**
- Silk Covered Umbrellas Steel frames, plummy style, amber tips, novelty handles. Various shades. Price **\$6.75**
- Novelty Silk Covered Umbrellas English made, strong steel frames; attractive handles. Various colors. Price **\$7.50**
- Children's Umbrellas Plummy style, strong frames, silk covers, neat handles. Red, green, navy and pansy. Price, each **\$5.00**
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Gift Handkerchiefs

Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs

- Hemstitched or scalloped borders, assorted colors. Prices, 20c, 35c and **40c**
- Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs All-over design, Oriental colors, 45c and **75c**
- Pure Linen Handkerchiefs Stencilled design in black and embroidery in colors. Choice of various colors. Price **50c**
- Irish Linen Handkerchiefs In assorted colors, with contrasting embroidered corners. Price **50c**
- French Glove Handkerchiefs Pure linen, scalloped or net edge, embroidered corners. Prices **50c, 75c, 85c**
- and **1.00**
- Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs Silk or linen centres. Prices **\$1.00** and **\$1.25**
- White Lawn Handkerchiefs Pin stripe effect, embroidered corners; 3 in box. Priced at **\$1.00**
- Pure Linen Handkerchiefs Colored borders, embroidered corners. Various shades; 3 in box. Price **\$1.25**
- Colored Linen Handkerchiefs Embroidered corners, edged with colored or black net; 3 or 4 in circular box. Prices, **\$1.75** and **\$2.00**
- Main Floor, H.B.C.



Gift Hosiery

- Rayon Ribbed Silk Hose Hemmed tops, all colors and black. Per pair **\$1.00**
- Pure Thread Silk Hose In all the wanted shades. Per pair **\$1.50**
- Imperial Pure Thread Silk Hose Wide hemmed or elastic ribbed tops, all colors, including black. Per pair **\$1.75**
- Orient Purple Stripe Silk Hose Heavy weight, all colors, also black and white. Price, per pair **\$2.00**
- Kayser Pure Threaded Silk Hose Hemmed tops, all colors. Per pair **\$2.00**
- Novelty Silk Hose With rose embroidered below knee, also satin striped silk hose in all shades. Price, per pair **\$2.50**
- Kayser Pointed Heel Chiffon Silk Hose Sheer quality, in new evening shades. Per pair **\$2.75**
- Gotham Gold Stripe Silk Hose Heavy weight, full fashioned, all colors. Per pair, **\$3.00**
- Spun Silk Hose Full fashioned, 6-3 rib; all shades. Per pair **\$3.75**
- Children's Gift Hose Turn-down tops, all shades. Per pair **59c** and **75c**
- Silk and Wool Socks Turn-down tops, elastic ribbed turn-down tops. Per pair **\$1.00** and **\$1.25**
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Gift Neckwear

- Rayon Silk Scarves In lace effect in various shades. Price **\$2.95, \$3.50** and **\$4.50**
- Printed Silk Scarves In color combinations. Prices, **\$2.50, \$3.00** and **\$4.50**
- Cashmere Wool Scarves Plain, striped and various checked designs. Prices, **\$2.50, \$2.95, \$4.95** and **\$6.50**
- Collar and Cuff Sets Of net trimmed lace. Prices, **75c, \$1.25, \$1.50** and **\$2.50**
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Dainty Underwear for Christmas Giving

- Rayon Silk Vests In assorted shades. Prices, **\$1.50, \$1.75** and **\$1.95**
- Rayon Silk Bloomers Sale Prices, **\$1.98, \$2.95** and **\$4.95**
- Rayon Silk Slips Sale Prices, **\$3.69, \$3.98** and **\$4.75**
- Rayon Silk Nightgowns Prices **\$3.50** to **\$8.50**
- Rayon Silk Pyjamas Prices **\$8.50** and **\$10.95**
- Dainty Voile Nightgowns In a large variety of colors. Prices **\$1.98** and **\$2.98**
- Cotton Crepe and Voile Pyjamas Prices **\$3.75** and **\$4.50**
- Crepe de Chine and Satin Step-Ins Attractively trimmed with fine lace or net. Prices, **\$4.50, \$5.50** and **\$5.95**
- Crepe de Chine and Satin Vests Prices, **\$5.50, \$5.95, \$6.95** to **\$11.50**
- Crepe de Chine and Satin Nightgowns Prices are **\$7.05, \$9.75, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$14.50** and **\$17.95**

Boudoir Caps and Aprons

- Dainty Boudoir Caps and Bands In wash satin, crepe de Chine and fine lace. Prices, **98c, \$1.20, \$1.49, \$1.75** and **\$3.50**
- Tea Aprons In pretty designs, white and to colors. Prices, **80c, \$1.25, \$1.35** to **\$1.75**
- Novelty Aprons In attractive colored chintz, chambray and black satin. Prices, **69c, 80c, 98c, \$1.29, \$1.49** and **\$1.60**
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- Pulled Lettuce and Fresh Dressing
- Roast Turkey—Chestnut Stuffing
- Larded Fillet of Beef
- English Plum Pudding Hot Mince Pie
- Lemon Water Ice Cheese Souffles
- Almonds and Raisins Coffee
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Don't Forget the Christmas Candies

- Hudson's Bay Hand Dipped Assorted Chocolates, including hard centres and cream centres, per lb. **50c** and **80c**
- Chocolate Brazil Creams, Pecan Biscuits and Marachino Cherries, per lb. **\$1.50**
- Genuine Liqueur Marachino Cherries, per lb. **\$1.50**
- Large Fancy Baskets containing finest assorted chocolates at, each **\$7.50**
- Pascall's Phones, with midge candies and bell attached, at, each **\$1.00**
- Cardboard Pram and Cradle containing chocolate doll and candy, each **75c**
- Small Card Cradles, containing chocolate doll, each **20c**
- Genuine Old Fashioned Rock Candy on a String, per lb. **50c**
- Crystallized Ginger Jellied, at, per lb. **50c**
- Circus Wagons, containing chocolate animals, each **10c**
- Sleighs, containing wrapped toffee, each **10c**
- Small Boxes of Assorted Chocolates, each **10c**
- Christmas Candy, per lb. **25c, 35c** and **40c**
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- Waterman's Fountain Pens Clip or ring, self-filling, 14-K, gold nib. Prices, **\$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50** to **\$5.00**
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- Corduroy Velvet Kimonos Prices **\$6.95** and **\$8.50**
- Novelty Crepe Kimonos Prices **\$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95** to **\$9.75**
- Smart Tailored Blouses In spun silk. Prices, **\$5.95, \$6.50, \$6.95, \$7.95** and **\$12.95**
- Smart Pull-Overs In all-wool or silk and wool. Prices, **\$4.95, \$5.95, \$7.50** to **\$11.95**
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- Mechanical Trains **59c** to **\$4.50**
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- Mecano Sets **\$2.00** to **\$20.00**
- Sand Toys **65c**
- Friction Toys **\$1.50**
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- Wagons **\$2.50** to **\$10.50**
- Kiddie Cars **\$2.95**
- Horses and Carts **\$2.25**
- Tool Sets **\$1.95** to **\$6.50**
- Chemistry Sets **\$2.50, \$5.00** and **\$10.00**
- Steam Engines **79c**
- Guns **50c** and **75c**
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

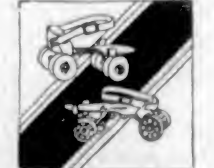
Toys for Girls

- Dolls of every description **50c** to **\$14.95**
- Furniture Sets **\$2.25**
- Teddy Bears **98c** to **\$7.50**
- Kindergarten Sets **\$3.95**
- Painting Books **50c**
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- Plasticine **25c**
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- Carpet Sweepers **75c** to **\$3.25**
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Christmas Groceries and Provisions

As this store will be closed from tonight until Monday morning, may we remind our customers that it will be necessary for them to lay in sufficient supplies to last them over the three days.

- Finest Quality New Zealand Creamery Butter, per lb. **52c**
- 3 lbs. for **\$1.53**
- No. 1 Quality Alberta Creamery Butter, per lb. **49c**
- 3 lbs. for **\$1.45**
- Pure Bulk Lard, per lb. **24c**
- 3 lbs. for **70c**
- Machine Sliced Ayrshire Roll, per lb. **38c**
- Finest Quality Breakfast Side Bacon, per lb. **45c**
- Prime Back Bacon, lb. **46c**
- Domestic Shortening, pkg. **19c**
- Prime Old Canadian Cheese, per lb. **40c**
- Swift's Premium Hams, half or whole, per lb. **36c**
- Burns' Shamrock Hams, lb. **36c**
- Swift's Premium Cooked Ham, per lb. **60c**
- Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles, per pint **25c**
- McLaren's Imperial Cream Cheese, in jars, each **40c**
- and **\$1.00**
- Brookfield Brand Cheese, 1/2 lb. package **25c**
- Hudson's Bay Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. **\$1.00**
- 3 lbs. for **\$3.00**
- Hudson's Bay Ceylon Broken Orange Pique Tea, per lb. **65c**
- 3 lbs. for **\$1.95**
- Hudson's Bay Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb. **45c**
- Finest Quality B.C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sack **\$1.25**
- Fresh Fruit and Nuts
- Finest Japanese Oranges, at, per box **75c**
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- Extra Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. for **25c**
- Choice Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. **25c**
- and **25c**
- Fine Large Florida Grapefruit, each **15c** and **20c**
- Cape Cod Cranberries, lb. **28c**
- 2 lbs. for **55c**
- Selected Cauliflower, each **15c**
- 20c and **25c**
- Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs. for **25c**
- Fresh Celery, per stick **10c**
- Good Sound Cooking Onions, 10 lbs. for **25c**
- Imported Chestnuts, per lb. **35c**
- California Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb. **45c**
- New Washed Brazil, per lb. **20c**
- Tarragona Almonds, per lb. **25c**
- Barcelona Filberts, per lb. **30c**
- Superior Quality Mixed Nuts, per lb. **24c**
- 3 lbs. for **\$1.00**
- Choice Mixed Nuts, per lb. **28c**
- 2 lbs. for **55c**
- Fresh Roasted Peanuts, lb. **15c**
- Choice Pecan Nuts, per lb. **45c**
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- Christmas Meats and Poultry
- All Poultry Cleaned, Drawn and Sinews Extracted Without Extra Charge
- Island Turkeys of Exceptional Quality
- 12 to 18 lbs., per lb. **52c**
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- 8 to 10 lbs., per lb. **48c**
- 6 to 8 lbs., per lb. **46c**
- Local Capons, per lb. **45c**
- Fresh Killed Geese, per lb. **30c**
- and **33c**
- Fresh Ducks, per lb. **33c**
- Roasting Chickens, per lb. **40c**
- Fancy Fowl, per lb. **35c**
- Alberta Turkeys
- 12 lbs. and over, per lb. **46c**
- 10 to 12 lbs., per lb. **44c**
- 8 to 10 lbs., per lb. **42c**
- Legs, average 10 lbs., per lb. **38c**
- Loins, not too fat, per lb. **35c**
- Shoulders, whole or half, lb. **24c**
- Island Lamb
- Legs, average weight 3 lbs., per lb. **40c**
- Loins, 4 to 6 lbs., per lb. **40c**
- Shoulders, whole or half, lb. **28c**
- Choice Steer Beef Fed for Christmas Trade
- Thick End Sirloin, per lb. **28c**
- Porterhouse Roasts, per lb. **30c**
- "T"-Bone Roasts, per lb. **28c**
- Wing Loins Roasts, per lb. **25c**
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.



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- Table No. 1 Gifts at **25c**
- Table No. 2 Gifts at **39c**
- Table No. 3 Gifts at **45c**
- Table No. 4 Gifts at **59c**
- Table No. 5 Gifts at **75c**
- Table No. 6 Gifts at **95c**
- Table No. 7 Gifts at **\$1.25**
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Society and Women's Affairs

To Vancouver

Mrs. Harry Rowley, Joan Crescent, and her mother, Mrs. Denmark, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Denmark's son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. McNutt. Before returning to the city Mrs. Rowley will motor to Seattle with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Mackay, for a few days' visit.

Holiday in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and their two children, Anne and Sonny, are leaving this afternoon for Vancouver, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Cameron.

From Vancouver

Miss Gwen Gillies, who is a member of the teaching staff of the West Vancouver High school, has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gillies, Linden Avenue.

Christmas in Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent are among the Victorians spending their Christmas out of the city, having gone to Vancouver to spend the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl H. Kent.

Returns to Vancouver

Miss Dorothy Holt is returning to her home in Vancouver this afternoon, after spending the last two weeks in the city the guest of Miss Betty Kirk, St. Charles Street.

From Portland

Miss Agnes Charlebois arrived in the city on Tuesday afternoon from

Portland, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. L. Charlebois, 1140 Hilda Street.

Here for Christmas

Mr. Leslie Sanders, of Seattle, arrived on Tuesday afternoon to spend the Christmas week-end in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders, 1337 North Hampshire Road.

To Spend Christmas Here

Mr. Archie Lang, of Duncan, will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Goulay Lang, Monterey Avenue.

Returns to Home

Friends of Mr. P. H. Hardiman, Linden Avenue, will be pleased to hear that he has so far recovered as to leave St. Joseph's Hospital.

From Saskatoon

Mr. A. L. Charlebois has arrived in the city from Saskatoon, Sask., to spend Christmas with his family.

In Vancouver

Mrs. A. N. Mount, 4 Beach Drive, has left to spend a week or ten days in Vancouver.

Women's Institutes

Lake Hill Women's Institute held an enjoyable "500" party on Monday evening, in the Community Hall. Three tables were twenty-four feet and the prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. Watson, Mr. Cockerill and Mr. Townsend; second, Mrs. Cockerill, Miss Douglas, Mr. Jones and Mr. Knowlton; ten bid, Mrs. Sturgeon and Mr. Ferryman. Holders of scrips are asked to present them before the end of the year. The annual meeting of the Institute will be held on Tuesday, January 5, at 2:30 p.m., when officers will be elected and reports given.

Garden City

The five hundred turkey drive held in the Women's Institute Hall, Margold, last Friday, was well attended, eighteen tables being in play, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Hooper, ably assisted by a number of the ladies, served refreshments at the close. The following were the prize winners: First lady, Mrs. Sargent; second, Mrs. Stacey; first gentleman, Mr. Longland; second, Mr. Irwin; consolation, Mrs. Olson and Mr. McLean.

Yacht Club Scene Of Delightful Dance

In honor of their daughters, Misses Mary and Margaret Ross and Miss Gwen Winsby, Mrs. Duncan Ross and Mrs. W. N. Winsby entertained at a delightful dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club last evening. Professor Johnston's orchestra played the excellent dance music. The invited guests were: Miss Mildred Phillips, Miss Lena Fienling, Miss Helen and Catherine Smith, Miss Dorla Rines, Miss Jean Cotter, Miss Frances Johnston, Miss Elaine and Mickey Galt, Miss Catherine and Miss Dorene, Miss Billie Goward, Miss Dorothy Geake, Miss Jo Brandon, Misses Connie and Nancy Ross, Miss Moorehead, Miss Mary Martin, Miss Gwen Cooper, Miss Cassie Holmes, Miss Audrey Tripp, Miss Helen Hayward, Miss Audrey Tooley, Miss Kathleen Brown, Miss Louise Wilkerson, Miss Kathleen Brown, Miss Mary Sutherland, Miss Jennie Liffon, Miss Elaine Edwards, Miss Gwen Spencer, Miss Sylvia Fraser, Miss Margaret Fletcher, Miss Hope Leeming, Misses Prudence and Patricia Robinson, Misses Joan Moulds, Miss Justa McKenna, Miss Louise Pollard, Miss Millicent Umbach, Miss Pamela Winslow, Miss Kathleen Haynes, Miss Jean Campbell, Misses Dorla and Jean Gibson, Miss Faith Monk, Miss Betty McGregor, Miss Yrma Mitchell, Misses Eleanor and Nancy Johnson, Miss Dorla Brown, Miss Margaret Sanderson, Miss Bernice Penner, Miss Isobel Turner, Miss Heather Cleveland, Miss Bertha Wootton, Miss Peggy Goulay, Miss Ellen Thain, Miss Jean Edwards, Miss Gwen Spencer, Miss Gladys McIntosh, Messrs. Kilbeck and Roger Wilson, Arthur Tripp, Gilbert McMillan, Robert Halsey, Roy Kay, Misses Patricia Playner, Goldwyn Terry, Richard and Edward Moore, Tim Martin, Conway Farrot, Tom and Bobby Tye, Richard and Douglas Macdonald, Walter Fletcher-Douglas Wilson, Douglas Hunter, Archie Miller, Jack Bessanotte, Bill Meaghe, Charles Heister, Jack Jacobs, Kenneth Moore, Larry Henderson, Kenneth Philip and Genn, Geoffrey D'Arcy, Sonny Muskett, Lorne Campbell, Sonny Muskett, Howard Harman, Thomas Watkins, Eric Hicks, Donald Adams, Peter Bell, Walter and Arthur Fraser, Donald McMerchie, Peter Higgs, Ellis Thompson, Ned Hodge, Louis Levesque, William Pollock, Royden and Arthur Morris, James Hurdidge, John Davidson, Ben Henderson, Andrew Wright, and many others.

Women's Clubs and Societies

Silver Tea

The Girls' Auxiliary of Gordon Head, will hold a silver tea at the Gordon Head Hall on Wednesday, December 29, from 2:30 o'clock. The proceeds of the tea will be used for the missionary fund.

Sylvania School

Has Annual Tree

Under Direction of Principal, Miss K. Ballou, Children Give Programme

The annual Christmas tree of the Sylvania School, Shawinigan Lake, was held Friday, December 18. A programme was given by the pupils under the capable direction of Mrs. K. Ballou, principal of the school. After the singing of the old carol, "Good Night, Ladies," by the school, Myrtle Chapman gave a recitation, "The Starcrown." Then Ivy Chapman recited "Taken In." The most interesting part of the programme was a playlet, "White Magic," by the school. Gerty Copley gave a good portrayal of the Witch, while Lily Cronk made a stately and arrogant Queen. Little Miss Myrtle Frayne's dainty portrayal of the Dryad of the Forest showed true histrionic talent. Ivy and Myrtle Chapman as Powerflower and Chastelade, the two wood nymphs who floated in at Miss Dryad's call, were very dainty and charming. Iris Dick took the part of the sweet little Princess, while Winnie Copley and Margaret Graham were admirably fitted to the parts of the Prince and his cousin Edelbert. The smaller pupils acted as goblins and fairies. Myrtle Frayne recited "Receiving Sister's Bead" in her usual brilliant manner, and this brought the programme to a close. Then the pupils with their parents and friends repaired to Division 11, where the Christmas tree stood in all its glory. After being duly admired, the presents were distributed by Mr. E. D. Sheringham, secretary of trustees, assisted by Mr. Robert Moulton, trustee, and Mr. George Taggart. The happy pupils then partook of an excellent supper, which had been provided by the ladies of the district. Thanks are due to Mrs. George Frayne and Mrs. George Taggart, who were responsible for the supper arrangements. Miss Ballou, the principal, was presented with a box of hosiery by the people of Sylvania district, in recognition of her untiring efforts in her school work.

Piano Pupils Perform

Delightful Programme

An enjoyable and informal recital by the piano pupils of Mrs. C. O. Mellor was given on December 22 at her home, 3415 Cook Street. The playing of the young students showed a careful grounding, and a musical foundation which should prove of value to them in the development of their musical taste. The programme showed to advantage the variation of touch of tone characteristic of each player, and the numbers, played by the older pupils, seem to have been chosen in order to test their powers of interpretation. This was particularly notable in the excellent rendering of a "Prelude and Andante" (Bertini), "Autumn Leaves" (Debussy), "The Brook" (Hugmunk), and in the dainty "Carnival" (Brown), No. 1 and 2, "Peer Gint Suite" (Grieg), No. 1, Spanish Dances (Muskowski). A pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by the pupils assisting in serving tea to the guests.

Christmas Closing at St. Agatha's School

The closing entertainment and prize-giving at St. Agatha's School, Saanich Road, was given on Friday, when the principals, Mr. and Mrs. Large, invited the parents and friends of the pupils to enjoy a varied programme provided by the children. Songs, dances and recitations were done individually and in groups, and were well received. Calling for special commendation were some scenes from "As You Like It," in which the children showed a splendid grasp of English. The various dances, particularly "Rough Dicks," were much applauded and credit must be paid to Mrs. Mellor, who so ably trained, this group in this phase of the school work. The Rev. H. V. Hitchcock presented the prizes as follows: For excellent program, Dorothy Dodsworth; excellent attendance, Lorraine Wilton; excellent reading, Violet Mellor; drawing, Violet Mellor; nature study, Hope Large; geography, Hope Large; French, Victor Wilton; general good progress, Helen Holmes; essay, Division I, Silvia Cunningham; essay, Division II, Dorothy Dodsworth; reading, Geraldine Mellor; diligence, Diana Cunningham; general progress, Ian Liewellyn.

At the conclusion of the entertainment

tea was served, and adjournment made to the hall for singing of Monty and survey the school work of the pupils.

CHRISTMAS IN OLD COUNTRY

Travel to the Old Country is again made convenient for passengers this year through the special Yuletide "train-to-ship" service afforded by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Tourist sleeping cars will be carried through to ships' side at Saint John, N.B., leaving Vancouver as follows:

November 29 for sailing of "Montrose" to Liverpool, December 5.
December 4 for sailing of "Mellita" to Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp, December 10.
December 5 for sailing of "Metagama" to Liverpool, December 11.
December 10 for sailing of "Montclair" to Liverpool, December 16.
December 17 for sailing of "Montrose" to Liverpool, December 23.
For further information and reservations apply at ticket offices at 1102 Government Street.

Kiddies' Fete On Wednesday

Rotary Club Will Be Hosts to 500 Children of Poor Families at Christmas Tree

Next Wednesday will be a memorable day for the kiddies of poor families in Victoria. The Rotarians, on that date, will hold their annual Christmas tree party in the Chamber of Commerce, and the event promises to be the most successful held by the clubmen. The function will commence at 3 p.m., when Santa Claus will make his appearance and gladden the hearts of over 500 children. Santa will bring with him a capacity sack full of good things, and these will be transferred to a large Christmas tree. In addition to toys and candies, there will also be provided a tea and entertainment, including motion pictures, for the little guests.

Some of the members of the Rotary Club are co-operating with the club in making the function next Wednesday an outstanding success, and a committee will be in charge of the tea. The money to supply the children with this good time has been provided entirely by Rotarians.

Canadian Movies Are Exploited by Radio

Fans Hear Address on Possibilities of New Silver-Screen Industry in Canada

Radio fans were last night given an address on the possibilities of the motion picture industry in Canada, when Mr. H. B. Ridge, of the Canadian Film Productions, Limited, spoke from Station CFCF on the subject. Mr. Ridge has opened an office in Victoria, where he is making extensive investigations as to whether conditions here are favorable to this business. Negotiations have already been entered into with the C. P. R. Company to use the Crystal Garden early in the new year as a studio in which to make trial films for any applicants desirous of entering into the Canadian motion picture field.

The growth and development of the moving picture industry, said Mr. Ridge, "is almost without parallel in history. The discovery that things in motion could be reproduced on the screen twenty years ago was received with as much surprise as the recent discovery of radio. The announcement of the new invention was the signal for the organization of companies to produce the films, the demand for which soon became world-wide. The centre of the film industry became California, and the growth of this industry that, according to the Harriman National Bank of New York, it is now the third largest industry in the world."

Canada's Scenery Recognized

"All eyes are now towards Canada, and the producers of motion pictures in the United States are beginning to realize the tremendous wealth of scenery to be had, and as a consequence have sent their companies to our scenic effects as their choice settings."

Speaking of the activities and intentions of the Canadian Film Productions, Limited, the speaker said: "A number of pictures will be made in Canada, Victoria and district, the first of which is to be 'The Lone Highway,' the filming of which is planned to commence in about six weeks."

"Canada's scenery is largely on a centre of the film industry, and in this it has no advantage over the Canadian West. Victoria is known as having one of the finest climates in the world and the atmospheric conditions are unequalled, at least in Canada, as is proved by the fact that the Canadian Government erected the observatory on Saanich Mountain. Prior to the erection the Government made an extensive investigation into the climatic and atmospheric conditions all over Canada, and Victoria was the site chosen."

Film Record History

"The yearly income of motion pictures in the United States is eight billion dollars. Let us share some of that. This company is going to produce films of a dramatic, educational and publicity nature, and more and more are the films being used as a means of education in our schools, as well as in hospitals, churches and markets. Until recently the world's history has been handed down by the written word. The film will record the great dramas that have been enacted in recent history and the daily life of all classes will be preserved, so that the generations as yet unborn will be able to see how the people of today lived."

As a means of popularizing the world's greatest stories, the motion picture is unequalled. A few people have thus been honored and many more would be if Canadian film was in the field. And therefore I ask for your wholehearted support in fostering the motion picture industry in Canada."

Your Birthday

December 24—You are bold, courageous and energetic, have a sympathetic nature, and possess many talents. You love deeply, but resent with great bitterness any interference with your plans. Practice self-restraint, and do not let your temper get beyond your control. Love will be yours some day.

Your birthstone is the turquoise, which means prosperity.

Your flower is Holly.

Your lucky color is pink.

Postage \$537,501,340

The humble postage stamp accounted for the larger portion of the revenue of the United States postal service for the last year's operations. Each person in the country spent on an average \$4.43 for postage during the year and the total thus received was \$137,501,340.93, or 59.61 per cent of the total postal revenue.

Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont

Black velvet with cream lace seems to be a favorite combination of the present season. The black chiffon velvet frock above uses delicate cream lace to advantage in its jabot and cuffs.

The skirt is joined to a cream silk bodice, and has an inset gathered section across the front. The cream silk bodice extends up to help fill in the V opening of the neckline.

Two-piece frocks are still worn for all times of day, and the two-piece version is newest in the evening frock. We see intricate silver and white brocade for evening, made on tailored lines.

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Message to Scouts One of Goodwill

Provincial Commissioner R. Ross Sutherland Sends Christmas Greetings to Boys

The following Christmas and New Year messages to Scouts, Scouts and Cubes of British Columbia, have been sent out from Provincial Scout Headquarters by the provincial commissioner, Mr. Ross Sutherland: The future of the young nation of Canada belongs to the young, to make or to mar. The Boy Scouts' Association throughout the world is a great educational movement for boys, which is seeking to cultivate to the highest degree possible all that is best in manhood; a world-wide brotherhood of all nations, which is building a firm foundation for the progress of our Empire and of "Peace and Goodwill" with civilization as a whole.

Some of the requisites of a continued greatness, of a continued service to mankind, are good health, good character and good citizenship, all of which we are trying to give through scouting and cubbing. I would impress on my brother Scouts that what is needed to round out human personality is a well-balanced life: there is no success without honor, no happiness without a clear conscience, no use in living at all if for oneself only.

Therefore do your best at all times by your every thought, word and deed, to further the principles of scouting—loyalty to God and the King, unselfishness, service to others, honest toil, self-discipline and clean living. This is the simple gospel of the humble Nazarene, He who we look upon as "The Master Scout."

The "Good Turn"

Every Scout and Cub promises to do his best to do a "good turn" to somebody every day; so in British Columbia at least 3,600 such kind acts are being, I trust, performed every day. It is these little acts of daily kindness, the little courtesies, the disposition to be useful, helpful, sympathetic, unselfish, and looking for the best in everyone, which are the things which, added up at night, are found to be the true secret of a happy day.

Therefore write your name in kindness, love and mercy on those with whom you come in contact, and you will never be forgotten. Good deeds will shine as brightly on earth as the stars in Heaven.

Co-operation

I trust you will continue to learn to co-operate with yourselves, your leaders, your troop and pack, and your surroundings, seeking the highest welfare and happiness of the community in which you live. Radiate cheerfulness and happiness wherever you may be, make your life a blessing to others, ever keeping in mind that "Blessed are the happiness-makers, they represent the best forces in civilization."

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all commissioners, scoutmasters, cubmasters and assistants, to

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Made in Canada

British Rule Profits India

Former Trade Commissioner
States Problems Are
Manifest

Mr. H. A. Chisholm, who, as trade commissioner for the Canadian Government, spent some three and one-half years in India, with headquarters at Calcutta, and who recently resigned this position to join the foreign assurance department of the Sun Life Assurance Company, has come to the conclusion—after visiting every province of India and every native state—that the Hindu, the Mohammedan, and all the other tribes and castes of the country, are satisfied with British rule and British government.

If it were not for British fore-

ign and British mediation the probabilities are that chaos would ensue. Mr. Chisholm thinks in the course of an interview with The Montreal Gazette. The tension between Hindu and Mohammedan would break and the result would be immeasurably tragic. The extraordinary efficient civil service would disappear, leaving the country open to the jealousies and diametrically opposed peoples that inhabit India. The days of famine, before irrigation was introduced on the great plains of the British, would probably return with the withdrawal of the British.

Mr. Chisholm modestly declared that after spending that much time in India he knows relatively very little about the country. But in his official capacity he met a number of outstanding men of India, men of letters, of trade and of politics.

Climate and Religion

Religion in India, according to Mr. Chisholm, has not a little to do with the climate. There are three distinct seasons in India: the rainy season, the hot and dry period and the cold season. The population depended entirely on the monsoons, and it was not until the British undertook to irrigate the 10,000,000 acres of land that the dread of famine was removed from India. The Hindu deities—the principal objects of worship—are the rivers and the cows. Everything depends upon the water and upon the animal that provides the labor and the nourishment of the millions of brown men, women and children who inhabit the great plains of Deccan, and the other parts of Central India. Mr. Chisholm said that ninety per cent of the railways are owned and operated by the government. They are administered by a railway board, comprising both Indian and English members, and with a chief commissioner who has the final say-so. The Indian railways are a distinct asset to the country. Mr. Chisholm said, and the surplus profit amount to about \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 a year.

Increasing Trade

Canadian trade with India has really come into being since the war. Before 1914 the trade between the Dominion and the great Eastern colony was nil, but last year the trade amounted to about \$1,000,000, said Mr. Chisholm. There are between forty and fifty Canadian firms that export at the present time. India imports a very considerable quantity of gold and silver bullion. No less than \$200,000,000 worth of gold was imported last year, to give an idea of the extent of the trade.

The principal exports of India are rice—30,000,000 tons annually; wheat, which amounts to the same size as the Canadian crop; cotton—6,000,000 bales, a great deal of which goes to Japan for the textile industries of that country; jute, sugar, tea, coal, and even pig iron, of which large quantities have been shipped to the United States and to Japan.

As an importer, India is by far England's greatest market, and sixty per cent of the goods brought into the country come from the United Kingdom, said Mr. Chisholm.

The British policy of toleration is working towards giving India home rule, said Mr. Chisholm, but it is logical that this cannot be done in a day or a year.

Advance Seen in Total Bank Debts

Record for Dominion Gives One
Per Cent Increase—Seven
Per Cent in B.C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—During the first eleven months of this year bank debts to individual accounts showed a gain of one per cent. These debts represent the amount of cheques charged against bank accounts at the clearing house centres. The debts for the two periods were: 1925—\$25,000,400,000; 1924—\$24,773,700,000.

Of the five economic centres, Quebec and British Columbia show gains over 1924.

The advance in British Columbia was from \$1,544,428,000 to \$1,674,312,000, or 7 per cent.

The debts in the Maritimes during the first eleven months of 1925, were \$15,600,000, against \$14,950,000 in the same period of 1924.

In Ontario, debts for the first eleven months of 1925 were \$9,945,000, against \$10,155,000,000 in 1924.

"But this decline," says the Bureau of Statistics, "would appear to be due rather to the smaller financial operations at Ottawa than to any decrease in general business."

Toronto Jewel Robbery
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Burglars stole jewelry and cash to the extent of \$1,000 from the home of H. G. N. here.

The Colonist Party in Santa Claus Land Send Out Final Dispatches

Indications From Old Santa Show That Christmas This
Year Will Be the Merriest and Happiest of All His-
tory, With Extra Special Presents for Good Kiddies

By HOLLY HERRY
Special Correspondent of The Colonist in
Eskimoland

CHAPTER VI

NORTH POLEVILLE, Eskimoland, Dec. 23.—(By Wireless).—In my previous messages I have described our visit to Santa Claus Land, and yesterday I told about our return to the home of the Eskimos. Santa Claus came back with us all the way, partly as a special honor to us and partly to renew his acquaintance with the Eskimos, from whom he buys all his reindeer.

On our way into North Poleville, the capital of Eskimoland, I had a long talk with Santa about his plans for Christmas Eve. "I believe in better and better Christmases," declared the old Saint, speaking very loud, so that I could hear him above the noise of the silver sleigh bells. "This year I feel sure we are going to have the merriest and happiest Christmas in all history. And in honor of your visit, here is a secret—I give you my personal promise that every good little boy and girl in your city will receive something extra special—a real surprise." He told me what some of these sur-

prises would be, mentioning a number of boys and girls whom I know very well. But he made me promise not to tell.

Glad to See Us
We received a great welcome when we drove up to the Eskimo village of snow huts. Santa often visits them so they have more Christmas mases than we have, and are very kind and happy people.

The chubby little fur-clad children came rushing out of their snow huts to meet Santa. Some little tots barely able to toddle came over the snow like little puppies. Their faces were brown and they smelled of seal oil, but Santa didn't mind, for he knew they were good children, and his well-filled pockets were soon emptied of gifts.

Then Santa asked about their reindeer, and how the little reindeer got along. The Eskimos told him sadly that when the last baby reindeer were born, Layluk had swooped down on them with a cold north wind and snow, and many of the baby reindeer were frozen. You can imagine how sorry Santa felt about this, but there was nothing he could do to help them.



Santa Claus and a Group of Eskimo Children, Saying Goodbye to The Colonist's Exploring Expedition.

Finally, with all the coaxing and petting, the reindeer gave up, and followed Santa like a good little dog back to the village.

We say "Goodbye"
And now the Captain and Mrs. Captain and I, and all the Eskimos, drank coffee out of a long glass and addressed not a word to him.

"Yes, I am English," he said like a sigh of relief. She had begun to feel very lonely in Paris. Evening had come and no word from Mr. Marcus. She had dined at the Cafe Miramas because it looked clean and bright with its long mirrors and flowers on the tables.

"Allow me to introduce myself," said the man with the bronzed skin and grey hair. "Major Cutting, at your service. This is my wife, my dear. It's just as we thought. Mademoiselle is an English lady on her own in the city where everyone should have friends. My wife and I, Miss—"

"My wife and I, Miss Western, have a flat in the Rue Byron. It is generally full of a jolly crowd from the English colony."

"Where are you staying, Miss Western?" the major's wife asked in a rather commanding voice as if she were used to receiving prompt and respectful answers.

"At the Hotel Maurice," "Quite on your own?" "Yes, for the moment."

"Surely that's well, a little adventurous, isn't it?" "I'm waiting for someone who should have arrived yesterday," Doris explained. She was beginning to like those people, who were an typically English. Until today she had not realized how absolutely alone one could be in the midst of a crowded city. Here, at last, was something to cling to.

"I don't speak French very well," she went on. "I was pleased to hear a word of English."

"We'll look after you," he said. "It's early yet. No need to be going to bed for an hour or so. Won't you come to our place and talk for a while?" One or two people may drop in. We'd be so pleased if Miss Western would come, wouldn't we, Mildred?"

His wife smiled. "Of course. I must just telephone. Miss Western. Then we'll take a taxi to the Rue Byron. I warn you that it isn't a palace we're inviting you to!" She disappeared into the cafe, and left Doris and her husband at the table.

They sat watching the laughing



The Elves, Santa Claus' Bookkeepers, Consult Over the Final Records of Some Children on Vancouver Island.

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Afraid of Love

By CHRISTABEL RUSSELL

At the Cafe Miramas
"You are English?" asked the man who looked like an Indian colonel.

Doris had been watching him for some time from the corner of her eye. He was sitting at the table next to hers outside the little cafe on the boulevards. With him was a woman she supposed must be his wife, a rather dumpy Englishwoman who

crowds which surged along the pavement. "Interesting, isn't it?" he said. "Wonderful, gay Paris. Though I'm English of the English, I love the city. I was fifteen years in India. Miss Western—English. Now, today, when one is a poor pensioner, one has to find out the less expensive corners of Europe."

Mrs. Cutting reappeared, and the three of them drove quickly to the Rue Byron. The Cuttings' flat lay through a courtyard and up a flight of winding stone stairs. The major, fumbling with his latchkey, admitted them to a prettily decorated sitting-room. His wife immediately took Doris into her own room to take off her things.

"My dear, how pretty you are!" she said, as she watched Doris prinking at the mirror.

Trapped
When they went back into the other room there were two new-comers present, both men, an American about forty, and a young Frenchman whom Mrs. Cutting called Gaston. Drinks were produced and conversation became general. They talked Parisian gossip, which was so much Greek to Doris. Occasionally they both included her in the conversation, and both the major and his wife kept on alluding to her prettiness.

"Mademoiselle is very charming to be alone in Paris," said the man called Gaston. "She was sitting by herself at the Miramas," broke in Mrs. Cutting, "with a face as long as a fiddle."

After this Gaston came to sit beside Doris and began to pay her a good deal of attention. She liked the

Fashion Fancies
By Maria Belmont

Bright shades of red are having their share of vogue this season, and among the most popular shades is the new lipstick red.

The youthful cape coat above sponsors this color in a soft woolen material. The attached shoulder cape is balanced by a narrow flare that finishes the bottom of the coat.

A collar of grey wolf, a fur which is most effective and not expensive, completes the coat.

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The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be held on Saturday evening, December 24. A splendid programme has been arranged, and visitors are advised to be on time in order to secure a seat.

Indians Committed for Trial
HAZELTON, B.C., Dec. 23.—Frank Bird and Alexander Bird and Jack Roy, Indians, who were recently charged with the murder of Matthew McLean, another member of their tribe, following the finding of his skeleton, which was identified by a tubercular bone, at Hazelton, near here, yesterday were committed for trial.

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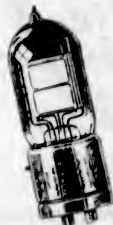
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Prince Murat Arrested On Swindling Charge

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Prince Michael Murat, whose wife was Miss Helene MacDonald Stull, of Cincinnati, was arrested today on charges involving a worthless cheque and a swindle in the sale of a silver fox fur.

Prince Murat, on November 9, was sentenced to serve eight months in jail in default of his appearance to answer charges of having obtained money from Countess Salverio through selling gems belonging to her and appropriating the funds.



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Natural Resources Is Leading Feature

Quebec Legislature May Favor
Companies Manufacturing
Materials in Dominion

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—When the Quebec Legislature meets on January 7, it will find Hon. L. A. Taschereau in his place attending his twenty-sixth session of this body, and his sixth as Premier.

Since the last session of the Legislature there have been no changes in the Cabinet, though the rank and file of members will have undergone a change. Owing to four by-elections on November 30, three new Liberal members will be in attendance, representing Berthier, Champlain and Jacques Cartier, and a new Conservative deputy from Argenteuil. The standing of the parties is the same as last session: Liberals, sixty-four; Conservatives, twenty-one.

Mr. Arthur Sauve, leader of the Conservative Opposition, will be lacking the powerful support of Hon. E. L. Patenaude, who resigned his seat in Jacques Cartier in order to take part in the Dominion general elections.

Natural Resources
Legislation regarding the natural resources of the Province of Quebec is the outstanding governmental legislation.

It is expected that the Government will provide for the creation of forest reserves, and also take further steps to safeguard the forests, including those under license to cut. There will be some legislation as to waterpower, and possibly as to asbestos, though it is not expected there will be an embargo on the export of raw asbestos, as has been mentioned from time to time. What the legislature is liable to do, however, is to favor companies which manufacture the raw materials in Canada, and this can readily be done by an adjustment of the royalties by the enactment of a sliding scale which will allow of rates of royalties, whole or in part, on such raw matter which is manufactured in the country.

Church Union

The Church Union bill will come before the Legislature again. Last session the Legislature, in giving what amounted to a six months' hold to the Union bill, expressed its readiness to enact a bill should the Legislature of Ontario do so. Ontario has done so, and the procedure laid down in that Protestant province will be followed here. The anti do not intend to oppose the Union bill, but will want amendments to provide that they at least retain the Montreal Presbyterian College, and that some provision be made for minorities of dissenting Presbyterian churches.

There has been some talk of a general provincial election in the province following upon the conclusion of the next session, but there is lack of authority for such a presumption, and the normal belief is that the Legislature will have its usual four sessions before the Government again appeals to the people.

Giant Searchlight Will Reach 150 Miles to Sea

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A giant searchlight that will throw its rays 150 miles out to sea will be erected on the spire of the Broadway Temple skyscraper building to be built on Broadway at 173rd Street, it was announced today. Final plans for the 24-story building were approved.

Greek Meets Hindu

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Jatindra Gobur, Hindu wrestler of Vancouver, and George Kotsionas, Greek wrestler of Los Angeles, secured one fall each in their match tonight. The latter had agreed to throw Gobur twice in seventy-five minutes, but the latter not only stayed the seventy-five minutes with only one fall against him but pinned his opponent to the mat for a fall and kept on the offensive for the most part of the final forty minutes of spectacular mat work.

No Christmas Day Papers

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In accordance with what is now the established practice, no newspapers will be published here either on Christmas Day or upon the day following, which is Boxing Day. At one time there was no Christmas break at all for newspaper workers in England.

Mr. Lloyd George Is Honored at York



Mr. Lloyd George recently received the freedom of the City of York. The picture, taken on the steps of the Mansion House, shows, besides Mr. Lloyd George, Dame Margaret Lloyd George and Miss Megan Lloyd George, the Lord Mayor of York (third on right), and the Lady Mayoress and Sheriff.

Suit Reveals Alleged Love Affair of King

Legal Battle of 160 Years Is
Approaching Final Decision
in Highest Courts in Germany

Suit After Suit Is Lost

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—A hundred and sixty year-old legal battle, revealing an alleged clandestine love affair of King Frederick the Great and involving an estate valued at \$37,500,000, is approaching final decision in Germany's highest courts.

The claimant is Anna von Frederdorff, while the defendants are descendants of a historical character, Marie Elizabeth Daum, beautiful daughter of a Potsdam merchant, who lived in the eighteenth century. For many years, the Frederdorff family lost suit after suit for the estate, but several years ago a document, claimed to be a confession of King Frederick, in which he reveals that he came into possession of the property through intrigue, murder and falsification, was found. Then Frederdorff won a series of victories in the lower courts and the defendants appealed.

Fortune Claimed
Frederdorff claims the fortune dates back to his great uncle, Michael Gabriel von Frederdorff, secret chamberlain of Frederick the Great. Many favors and much property were heaped upon the chamberlain by the King.

Mlle. Daum, with two children, moved into the palace, where she was known as Mrs. Frederdorff, widow of the chamberlain's brother, and was the subject of much attention by the King. The Frederdorff petition alleges. The real Mrs. Frederdorff, it is contended, died under mysterious circumstances in 1757. The chamberlain died a year later.

Revelations Made

The alleged confession reveals that Mlle. Daum met Frederick while he was Crown Prince, and when the latter became King and heaped favors upon his chamberlain, she became jealous. As a result, the document continues, she poisoned both the Frederdorffs, altered the chamberlain's will so as to gain his property and filed a fake marriage certificate showing she was the chamberlain's first wife, whom he had not legally divorced before marrying a second time.

Frederdorff's petition contends the King was shocked to learn the chamberlain had ignored his son in his will, but could not order an investigation for fear of exposing the illicit love affair with Mlle. Daum, not only to the Queen but to the public.

Progress Made in Waste Elimination

Startling Results Follow in Direction of Largely Increased
National Efficiency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Progress made by industry in the United States toward the elimination of waste is bringing about "one of the most astonishing transformations in economic history," Secretary Hoover declared in the 1925 annual report of the Commerce Department.

The attainment in this direction through the standardization of articles and the betterment of processes, in which official participation was cooperative rather than administrative, he treated as of more far reaching importance than any of the routine conduct of the Government placed under his direction. Such attainments, he held, made possible the upholding of American standards of living for the whole population—laboring, farming and distributing.

"What the country as a whole has accomplished during the last five years in increased national efficiency in these directions is impossible of measurement," the report said. "That movement is the result of a realization by every group—business men, industrial leaders, engineers and workers—of the fundamental importance of this business of waste elimination. In addition to elimination of waste we have had the benefit of notable advances in science; improvement in methods of management; and prohibition."

The Secretary cited Labor Department figures indicating that whereas

In 1920 the wage rate was ninety-nine percent above pre-war and the wholesale price level 128 percent above pre-war, in 1924 the wage rate had risen to 128 percent above pre-war, while the wholesale price level had dropped to fifty percent above pre-war.

"While wages are higher than in 1920, wholesale prices are lower," he explained. "We thus have the highest real wage in our history, and we have had three years of remarkable price stability."

"The philosophy that underlies the campaign for waste elimination has but one purpose; that is, to maintain American standards of living for both workers and farmers, and to place production on a more stable footing."

Its Insignificance Brought Growth

Fame Came to Hollywood Because
Original "Magnates"
Found It Cheap

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23.—Because of its insignificance not so many years ago, Hollywood became one of the goals of the world's movie-struck. During the first ten years after 1900, when the motion picture industry was beginning to come into being, Hollywood stubbornly refused to show any marked growth. Its founder, Mr. H. H. Wilcox, a real estate man formerly of Ohio and the lower courts, where there was a lack of money, was in Hollywood, establishing it as a desirable residential property. But it was too far from the then small city of Los Angeles.

Most of the motion picture studios were in the East; but a few were located in and around Los Angeles. None was in Hollywood. There was no lighting equipment such as is used now, and pictures made in California, where there was plenty of sunshine, showed results that were difficult to obtain in sections more frequently visited by rain.

Magnates' Had No

Back in New York, the Nestor Company of Mr. David Horsely was experiencing unending trouble. With a large payroll to meet, rain or shine, he was having a hard time.

Mr. Horsely and his associates decided to go to California. The heads of the Nestor Company had heard of Hollywood. It was a pretty place, the best feature was that a location for a studio probably could be obtained there for little or nothing. And so, because of Hollywood's very insignificance, the motion picture "magnates" upon arriving in Los Angeles with about \$50 between them, went immediately to the western suburb and rented an old tavern and its barn as a studio.

"Movies" Made It

Although today the industry is looked upon by every citizen as the community's greatest asset, its entry into the town was not sought, and it was several years before the people awoke to the fact that the movies were making Hollywood, and the business became persona grata.

For years after their arrival, that is, until the drawing power of the industry became obvious, the people of filmdom were subjected to all manner of insults. And in the Board of Trade there arose many heated debates over the movies, but the businessmen favoring them finally won out.

With the rise of filmdom to power, the fame of Hollywood, which became a part of Los Angeles in 1910, but which never lost its name, spread. At the coming of the first studio in 1911 the population of the place was about 7,000. Today it is estimated at 125,000. There are twenty-four studios and fifty producing companies, employing 25,000 persons. The business represents an investment of \$1,125,000,000.

Cheaper Clothing May Result From Discovery

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 23.—A wool substitute, said to be just as warm and comfortable as the real thing, is expected by its inventor to result in a cheaper clothing.

The cloth is called "woolose," and the manufacturer explained it consists of seventy per cent jute fibre and thirty per cent ordinary recovered wool.

Supplied in the raw state, the material will sell at approximately three-quarters of the price of cheapest wool.

"Is your wife the boss in your household?" "She is," answered Mr. Meekson, "now that the cook has left."

Slayer's Death Sentence Made Life Imprisonment

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Joseph Antonuk, convicted of murder and sentenced to hang on January 6, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. It was announced today by the Department of the Secretary of State. The case was recently before the cabinet council.

Antonuk was tried before Mr. Justice Lennox at Winnipeg on September 20, and found guilty of the murder of William John Morgan, of Port Arthur, last June. Antonuk will be taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Kingston.

Bandit's Victim Hits Highwayman in Face

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—While a "lone wolf" bandit went through his pockets, J. Kerr, of Winnipeg, pounded away at the highwayman's masked face. The robber relieved him of \$1.50, but Kerr is satisfied that he got his money's worth in healthy exercise. No arrest has been made.

Hotel Man Drops Dead

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 23.—John ("Sweedie") Nelson, aged sixty, trustee of the Kootenay Hotel and a resident of that hotel for thirty years, dropped dead in the hotel at 10 o'clock this evening. He was a patient in hospital three weeks, but left the institution at noon today.

Japanese Admits Robberies

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Recently released from the Oakalla prison farm, where he served a six months sentence for theft, R. Kamitono, Japanese, appeared before Magistrate H. C. Shaw in police court today, pleaded guilty to two charges of robbery with violence, and was remanded for sentence until December 29.

Twenty Fishing Boats Missing

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—Twenty fishing boats, containing 150 fishermen, are missing in a storm which struck Northern Japan yesterday. A number of houses were wrecked and forty vessels capsized.

Seven Holdups Perpetrated

ATLANTA, Dec. 23.—Armed with riot guns, the full strength police reserve was called out tonight following seven holdups, in three of which cases the victims were either slashed with knives or beaten.

Made Fleet Official

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ralph T. Jones, a ship broker of Seattle, was today appointed district director of the Fleet Corporation at San Francisco.



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Mussolini Played Champion of Weak

Was Known as Rebel at School
—Napoleonic Face Scared
All His Opponents

What sort of man is Mussolini, and what is the secret of his success?

These questions, constantly asked by people all over the world, are partly answered by Margherita G. Sarfatti in her book, "The Life of Benito Mussolini" (Thornton Butterworth, Ltd.)

A dominant personality and a Napoleonic type of face appear to have stood Mussolini in good stead throughout his life.

Mussolini, whose parents were poor but cultured, was born in 1883. As an infant he was a little tyrant—frankly he must have been a most unpleasant child.

In the humble village classroom where his mother taught, Italy Benito was wont to creep on all fours underneath the benches, pinching the bare legs of the other little boys and girls.

His face frightened the children, and his determined look with his immense dark, shining eyes beneath the big bulging forehead, enabled him always to get his own way. He was fond of pulling little girls' hair.

But although Mussolini teased and bullied his schoolfellows, he was not a coward.

It is related that young Mussolini, when he was once overcome by a bigger boy, went forth to seek a sharp stone, and when he had found one he met his foe and struck him thrice on the head.

Must Not Be Bullied

He remarks: "We must not put up with bullying. We must never stand it, not from anybody. Whoever puts up with bullying is a coward." In these words are the whole essence of the doctrine of Fascism.

Later in life young Benito developed a strong instinct for protecting animals, plants, children and, above all, women.

This instinct also became part of his doctrine of Fascism. In early manhood Mussolini lived in Switzerland in great poverty. Here he studied philosophy and Socialism, and became a great admirer of Machiavelli.

Mussolini was a Socialist until the outbreak of the Great War, when his views began slowly to change. He broke with the Socialists and resigned his editorship on The Avanti! In his final article in that paper he

wrote: "To refuse to distinguish between war and war, and to presume to offer the same kind of opposition to all wars is to give proof of a stupidity bordering upon imbecility."

When the war ended and the Italian soldiers returned from the trenches seeking in vain for work, Mussolini beseeched the Government of the day to do something for the men who had defended their country.

At first he was a voice crying in the wilderness, but when the poison of Bolshevism began to spread through Italy men and women, princes and politicians, turned to Mussolini as their saviour.

Fascism Comes Into Being

A month after the first serious manifestation of Red Russia in Milan on February 18, 1919, Fascism came into being. It was inaugurated in a tiny meeting hall, and was described as an eagle hatched from a hen's egg.

In October, 1922, an Italian revolution seemed inevitable, and it became essential to make Mussolini a Minister, but a Ministry without a portfolio was no use to Mussolini.

He was now the commander of a black-shirted army, almost a dictator.

"We are the new Italy," he told the Government proudly, "the only hope of salvation. We cannot allow ourselves to be wasted."

He triumphed. The King sent for him and Mussolini became not merely a Minister of the Crown, but dictator of Italy.

Signora Sarfatti gives a most intimate picture of the childhood and early struggles of Mussolini, and as such her book is of real historic value.

But much more might have been written about the Mussolini of today—the Controller of Fascism. In spite of all that has been written, Mussolini will always remain an enigma.

Italy's strong, silent man reveals in his book. He indicates as much in his comments upon Signora Sarfatti's book:

"I belong to all, am loved by all, hated by all," he writes. "This feeling has on me a kind of intoxicating effect. And then, when one belongs to all, one belongs to none! As someone has said already, you may attain the serenity of solitude in a crowd even better than in a desert."

Woman, 111, Still Active

SIMCOE, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Nathan Plich, 111 years old, is still very active and plays with the inmates of the Norfolk County Industrial Home like a young person, the matron of the institution stated in denial of reports that Mrs. Plich was on her deathbed.



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NEXT WEEK PLAYHOUSE

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DOMINION ALL NEXT WEEK Special Holiday Attraction



A Kiss For Cinderella

With BETTY BRONSON TOM MOORE ESTHER RALSTON

NEW YEARS EVE
Madame T. T. Show
Get Your Tickets Now at the Box Office

Killed in Machinery
MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—W. W. Hambley, forty-two, was killed yesterday when his coat became entangled in the machinery at the Canada Paint Company, Ltd., plant.

Ex-Secretary-Treasurer Arrested
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—George Hodge, former secretary-treasurer of Marshall Harding Ltd., was arrested yesterday charged with the theft of \$12,424 from the firm during 1920-1921.

At the Playhouses

"Sporting Life" on Columbia's Screen

London Slums and Society
Finery Shown in Feature Offering Today

Large sections of England were realistically reproduced as Universal City for "Sporting Life," the sensational stage play directed by Maurice Tourneur, which comes to the Columbia Theatre today.

Street scenes in London slums; gay parties in London supper clubs; a vast country estate, the famous annual derby at Epsom Downs, of England, are to be seen in this sensational production.

"Sporting Life" is the title of the picture, and the director decided that it should be real sporting life that appeared on the screen. Consequently, the thrilling horse race scene, a boxing bout, with "Kid" Lewis, a real champion, participating, back-stage shots of a musical revue, and many other gay scenes have been included in the production.

CAPITOL Concert singer, brilliant pianist, expert dancer, and master of five languages—these are just a few of the accomplishments of Dolores Costello, who is appearing in an important role in First National's Milton Sills starring picture, "The Unguarded Hour," at the Capitol Theatre. Miss Costello made her concert debut last May in Baltimore with Martinelli, the great Metropolitan Opera tenor.

DOMINION Before starting work on "Classified," the feature attraction at the Dominion Theatre this week, Miss Griffith and Al Sennell, her director, visited the classified ad department of several newspapers and got a lot of first-hand information to aid them in obtaining the correct atmosphere of the photograph. Jack London is appearing opposite Miss Griffith as her leading man.

COLISEUM Unlike the usual Coliseum shows, there is a little music in "Going Some," this week's clever offering, but this is more than made up for by the comedy. It is a boisterous story of cowboys and their rough and ready ways, and there is a laugh in every line. There is an enlarged cast and they all work well. "Inez From Hollywood," the screen offering, completes an excellent bill, for it is a wonderful picture that will prove deeply interesting to every member of the audience.

PLAYHOUSE Harold Hechtel and Theatre: Ernie Petek admirably handle the title roles of Hans and Fritz in Reginald Hincks' comedy production this week at the Playhouse Theatre. This function is a farce of the highest order, and those who have seen it have thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Wallace Beery makes his first appearance as a screen father in "Juggled Water," Joseph Lincoln, a dramatic story of the life-saving service of the New England coast.

"Sinbad the Sailor," Coliseum Pantomime, Opens on Monday

Interest is at a high pitch in the Coliseum pantomime, "Sinbad the Sailor," opening next Monday, with matinees Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Considerable excitement has been going on to stage a real old English pantomime, with all the blaze of brightness, music and fun that makes a "panto" the event of the year. Money has been spent lavishly on lighting effects, new scenery and costumes, and the production will go up on a wonderful representation of a storm at sea. There are twenty-four characters, fairy choruses, dainty dances, comedy characters, including "Felix the Cat."

Colleen Moore Is Coming to Capitol In a Typical Role

"We Moderns," a story of the younger Irish people, with the ever-buoyant Colleen Moore as the star, will prove a surprise to patrons of the Capitol Theatre, where it will begin a week's engagement next Monday.

Pitched against a canvas that fairly palpitates with the din and bustle of London life, photographed in the actuality, Miss Moore is seen not only in an entirely new frame, but presents a distinctly British after-the-war development, in her characterization of Mary Moore.

The play is adapted from a Zangwill novel. It was directed by John Francis Dillon, who gave screen fans those two flapper epics, "The Perfect Flapper" and "Planning Youth," by means of which Colleen Moore originally climbed to stellar heights on the screen.

Surrounding her in her new medium are Jack Muhlall, always interesting and convincing; Claude Gillingwater, Clarissa Selwynne, Carl Miller, Cleve Moore and others.

The picture was produced by John McCormick for First National.

Strong Personality Adds to Vocal Powers Of William Heughan
Mr. William Heughan, who is paying a visit to this city in the course of his world tour, is one of those rare artists who adds immensely to his vocal powers by an extraordinary personality and dramatic powers. All who have heard him have been astonished at the extent of his repertoire, which ranges through the whole gamut of song. Each song is complete in itself, a perfect cameo of love, comedy, or drama, while his characterization throughout is said to be vividly compelling. With him comes Lenzer, the famous young violinist, and Gladys Sayer, the world-famed pianist. Concerts are being given in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, January 2, and in the Chamber of Commerce Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4, 6 and 7.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen
Capitol—Milton Sills in "The Unguarded Hour."
Columbia—"Sporting Life" with Bert Lytell.
Dominion—Corinne Griffith in "Classified."

The Stage
Coliseum—"Going Some."
Playhouse—"The Katzenjammer Kids."

"Three Little Maids" Play Christmas Day

Clever English Comedians Present London Musical Comedy Success at Royal Victoria

Opening at the Royal Victoria on Christmas night, with two performances on the following day, is the famous London musical comedy success, "Three Little Maids," with that most celebrated of English comedians, G. P. Huntley, in the leading role. "Three Little Maids" and G. P. Huntley come to Victoria sponsored by the famous producer of the Dumbells review, Captain M. W. Plunkett, and this importation of a London success and an English cast inaugurates an entirely new policy for him. The performance, from first curtain to last, runs with smoothness and smoothness. In addition, it is a beautiful spectacle from a scenic point of view. Seats are now on sale at the box-office.

Scotland Yard Aids In Filming Barrie Classic at Dominion

When Sir James M. Barrie's "A Kiss for Cinderella" is shown at the Dominion Theatre next Monday, picture patrons will see exactly what a London policeman, or "bobby," as they are called, looks like. Barrie is a name which works wonders in London, and upon receiving his request for complete equipment for a policeman, all regulations and red tape were cut. Mr. Bronson cabled over for the measurements of Tom Moore, who plays the bobby in "A Kiss for Cinderella." When they were received, Scotland Yard turned over to the famous director not only a uniform, but also everything that goes with it, from bull's-eye lantern, badge and helmet, down to shoes. Betty Bronson, who plays Cinderella, was properly awed by Tom's equipment, and when she appears at the Dominion Theatre, you'll understand why!

Pantomime Creates Lots of Laughs at Playhouse Monday

"Old Mother Hubbard," the big Christmas pantomime, which comes to the Playhouse Theatre on Monday, will promise to give Victoria show patrons with its humor, pep and music. This production, written by Reginald Hincks, is in the fullest sense of the word, "A real knockout," and the Playhouse players undoubtedly will score heavily throughout the entire week.

Roaring through the darkness, thundering through the darkness, tumbling, speeding down the hillside came the Limited Mail, a landmine that threatened the train and its passenger—this is but one of the dramatic moments in "The Limited Mail," the Warner Brothers classic of the screen, which opens on Monday at the Playhouse.

Pigmies Were Once Highly Civilized

Been Degenerating for Centuries, Says Editor Who Has Seen Them in Sumatra

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Whether the pigmy of Dutch New Guinea is evolving or degenerating first must be determined before it may be classed as the "missing link," in the opinion of Mr. Albert Rebel, Tucson editor, who has seen the creature. In commenting on the Smithsonian Institution's expedition to Dutch New Guinea, Mr. Rebel told of impressions of the pigmy race, and of the uncharted fastnesses of Sumatra in 1918.

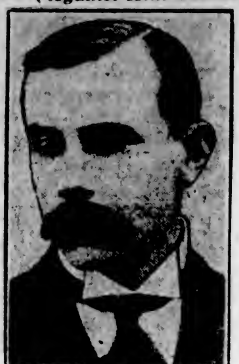
Pigmies may easily be called "ape men," he said, for their mode of life is not much above that of apes. Although his first contact with the Batak of interior Sumatra almost convinced him he had found the gap in the Darwinian hypothesis, Mr. Rebel was amazed to learn the savages once had known a comparatively high state of civilization, as evidenced by remnants of art and writings in an alphabet known only to them.

Mr. Rebel's party established contact with the pigmies by signaling, but were never able to approach them. A few gifts of trinkets were left on a hillside. The next morning they were gone and jungle food was found in their place.

In this manner many trophies were obtained, but when the white men came near, the pigmies took to trees like monkeys. The habitations were examined and found to be nothing more than nests.

As a result of his investigation, Mr. Rebel reached the belief that the pigmies have been degenerating for centuries, until now they are barely above the level of the lower animals.

Police Accusations Against Him Denied



SIR BASIL THOMSON
Former director of intelligence at Scotland Yard, whose arrest in Hyde Park, London, with a woman, has created a great stir in London. Sir Basil denies the police accusations against him.

Irish Poet Talks On Ireland's Hope

Padraic Colum Foresees Agricultural and Industrial Prosperity—Political Troubles

The aims and aspirations of the new Ireland grown up since the formation of the Irish Free State were outlined and explained by Padraic Colum, well-known Irish poet, when he addressed the People's Forum in Montreal.

Ireland's Viewpoint
The Irish people firmly believe their inherited traits are as great and valuable as those of any other people in the world. They believe that if these characteristics are cultivated Ireland will be able to contribute immensely to the final culture. They are convinced that the nationalism of their country must be preserved if the greatest good is to be obtained from Ireland's potentialities.

"They believed it would have been a distinct loss to the world if the Irish people had gradually merged with the Anglo-Saxons and finally lost their identity. That is why they fought to separate themselves from the influence of British culture. Not because British culture was not good but because Irish culture was also good and needed room for development."

Despite the warnings that had been sounded by people opposed to the formation of the Irish Free State and the alleged evidence produced to prove it would be a failure, the Irish people preferred to believe in their own destiny rather than in the evidence put before them by outsiders.

Although for a year after the treaty permitting the Irish to conduct their own affairs was signed the country was almost a shambles and the scene of bitter civil strife, a lot had been accomplished up to the present, the speaker declared.

A Long Struggle
For a long time it seemed as though the people could never agree upon any constructive policy. The atmosphere seemed hopeless and the deaths of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins in quick succession appeared irremediable. The Government of the country fell into the hands of a group of young and inexperienced men, and for a time they were unable to proceed toward the goal they had set for their country.

With the accession of Cosgrave to the Presidency things took a great turn for the better. Since then much had been done in the way of distinctive educational measures, the formation of a political system that was the most democratic in the world and the beginning of an economic order that would lead to a prosperous state.

The contribution made to the Irish Free State by Cosgrave was one of the greatest so far, Mr. Colum believed. Trivial to the election of Cosgrave the Irish people had idealized the man at the head of the Government. They believed implicitly in the ability of Griffith and Collins, but gave no thought to the Government as a whole.

But Cosgrave changed all this. Little by little he refilled his own personality from the public gaze and substituted the Governmental machinery in its stead. Today the Irish had ceased to follow the man and were following the national ideal.

Agricultural Future
Realizing that the industry of the Irish Free State was seventy-five per cent agricultural, leaders in the Government determined to model their country upon the lines chosen by the most prosperous agricultural country in the world, Denmark, he said. Cosgrave measures adopted to further the Danish system of agriculture were already producing great results, he continued, and it was almost certain that in a comparatively short time Ireland would be looked upon as one of the ideal farming countries.

In an effort to reduce the cost of manufacturing, the Irish Government had turned its energies towards finding a coal substitute so that the national industries would not be forced to shoulder the costs of importing fuel from across the channel. A project which included the damming of the River Shannon for electrical power was already under way, the speaker stated, and sponsors of the scheme were very optimistic as to the result. It was expected that large industrial centres would spring up in the south of Ireland before very long, if the power scheme worked out well.

Aged Doctor Jailed For Selling Liquor

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., 23.—Alleged Christmas kindness cost Dr. Elgin Blakely, aged seventy, prominent physician, his freedom. Today he is in the Fort William jail, having been sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment and a fine of \$200 for selling liquor. Dr. Blakely, who lived many years in Winnipeg, having issued his legal amount of prescriptions did a favor for two "commercial travelers." He sold them a bottle of whisky. The men were government operatives.

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Conservatives Get Together in Quebec
Plans for Absolute Unity and Cooperation Made—Harmony Sought by All

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Star, in its news columns today, says: "Immediate steps will be taken to bring about complete unity among all the Conservative interests in the Province of Quebec, as a result of a meeting of defeated and successful candidates here Tuesday. Although the meeting was held behind closed doors, it is now understood that a representative committee was appointed charged with the duty of bringing conflicting interests into line, and of organizing another meeting at which plans for absolute unity and co-operation will be adopted."

Flouring Mill Fatality
WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Caught in a moving belt while working in a flour mill at Whittemouth, Man., August Zink, aged fifteen, was fatally injured. He died in hospital here.

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Important Harbor Work Completed
To Secure Future Development

Port development for the past twelve months is unprecedented in the history of Victoria. Millions of dollars' worth of new shipping has been added to this port during 1925, while development of harbor facilities and coast protection has been improved.

No less than nine new ships have been added to Victoria's regular tonnage. The total value of these vessels amounts to \$15,000,000. They comprise the two new C.P.R. steamers Princess Kathleen and Princess Marguerite, the new C.P.R. tug St. Florence, the Pacific Salvage Company's steamer Salvage King, the motorship Aorangi, of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand;

the two N.Y.K. motorships Atago Maru and Asuka Maru; the motorship Teco, of the B.C. Cement Works; and the Diesel tug Strath, of the Victoria Tugboat Company.

It is interesting to note that Victoria is keeping up with the times, and already boasts of several new ships of the Diesel engine type. The Aorangi is the largest motorship in the world, while other Diesel engines of a smaller type known to Victoria are the Teco, Atago Maru, Asuka Maru and Strath. Four of the nine new ships added to Victoria's tonnage, are motorships.

Services Improved

Many improvements in the steamship services calling at this port were made during the past year. The Holland-America and R.M.S.P. joint service from this coast to the United Kingdom was increased from one sailing a month to a fortnightly schedule, while special fruit ships were also placed on the run. The Furness-Withy line also augmented its fleet in the same service, and in addition included Victoria on its itinerary of regular calls. The C.G.M.M. inaugurated the Pacific Coast-Atlantic service during the early part of the year, adding several of the Atlantic ships to the Pacific unit, to take care of the increased business from this coast.

Actual development of the port for the past twelve months comprises the commencement of work on the widening of the harbor entrance by blasting fifty feet of Hospital Rock away; extensive dredging in the upper reaches of the harbor, thus deepening the channel so that larger ships may go up to the mills and load; and completion of the new \$6,000,000 Government dock, with the exception of the calson gates, which remain to be completed and installed. The ferry slips at Point Millie for connection with the Pacific Point docks have also been commenced.

New Tourist Record

Not only did Victoria exceed herself in port development this year but she also shattered all tourist records. Automobile ferries operating from the mainland to Victoria broke all their previous records. The Port Angeles-Victoria ferry took the lead over the Victoria-Bellingham and Bellingham-Sidney routes. Passenger travel to this city also showed a big increase. The Triangle run in particular carried thousands of passengers during the summer months, the record list for one trip from Seattle to Victoria being 1,700 passengers. Admiral liners operating from California to Victoria also brought in capacity loads. Starting with the last week in June until the first week in October the Huth Alexander, Emma Alexander and Dorothy Alexander were sold out every sailing on the northbound run, while the passenger travel from the South has been exceptionally heavy even during the past two months.

Weather Report

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; southeast, light; 29.94; 60; light swell.
Alert Bay—Partly cloudy; calm; 29.77; 40; sea smooth.
Eskaton—Overcast; southeast, 4 miles; 30.09; 45; moderate swell.
Cape Lano—Heavy; northwest, light; 29.45; 45; sea smooth.
Bull Harbor—Cloudy; calm; 20.00; 42; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.84; 44; sea smooth.

GULF ISLANDS WINTER SERVICE

The Ss. Otter will leave Victoria 7:15 a.m. every Monday, returning to Victoria Tuesday evening, and leave Victoria every Wednesday at 5 a.m. to Ganges Harbor, proceeding to Vancouver on Thursday and returning to Victoria Saturday afternoon.

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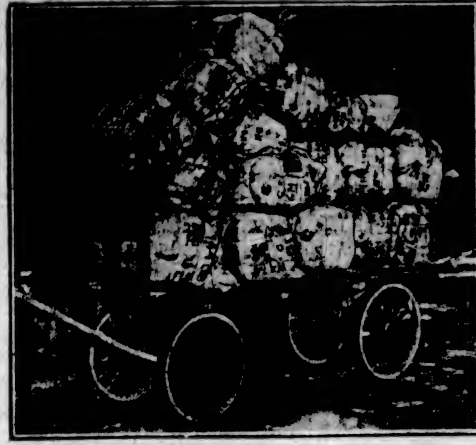
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Early Inquiries Are Good

The round-the-island cruises of the B.C. Coast Service, which are to be inaugurated next summer, will be an attractive drawing card, to judge by the inquiries which have already been received at the local offices.

The Princess Mary will be utilized in this route, and the first cruise will probably be run about the month of June, with a number of calls both on the West Coast and on the East, with the general purpose of making the tour as interesting as possible to passengers, particularly those who wish to learn something of the history and

archaeological associations of the less-known sections of Vancouver Island.

The primary inquiries from Vancouver, Seattle and other points appear to promise that the eight-day, all-weather cruise will be abundantly patronized in the North Pacific, and that it will not be necessary to go further afield for passenger traffic on this special routing.

As a summer cruise few journeys around the coastal waters of the North Pacific can afford so much variety in scenery, industries and associations. The historical character of this proposed itinerary has been fully described already by the late Mr. Macmillan in his memoir on the circumnavigation of Vancouver Island by Captain Vancouver.

Britisher Is Arrested
By Canton Authorities

CANTON, Dec. 23.—A Britisher named Cadman, connected with the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was arrested today, together with two Indians, and their motorboat was seized. The arrests were made when the trio were leaving the side of a Hong Kong steamer. The cause is unknown. They finally were released upon consular representation.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Emma Alexander, Cadiz, from Seattle; Madison, Tacoma; Lena Luckenbach, Lemo, Portland; Iowa, San Francisco; Ms. Challinor, Africa Maru, Vancouver; West Leon, Kobe; Admiral Rodman, Ocean Falls; Brookdale, Everett; Captain Martin, Yokohama; Sailed: London Merchant, Magle Star, Portland; Admiral Watson, Alaska; Arctico Maru, Tacoma; John C. Kirkpatrick, R. J. Hanna, Los Angeles; Ms. Oregon, Miami; Capt. B. Martin, Port Townsend.

CORVOVA, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Victoria, southbound.

VERETT, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Emma Alexander, Seattle; Brookdale, Los Angeles.

TACOMA, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Everett, Caddo, Killeen, San Pedro; 1. Luckenbach, Boston. Sailed: Emma Alexander, San Francisco; Caddo, San Pedro; Commercial, Pader, Boston; Lemo, Trieste; Sermico, New York; Santa Cecilia, Baltimore.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Arrived: West Cadron, Manila; Nome City, Whakana, San Francisco; Sailed: Admiral Evans, San Diego; Ms. Challenger, London; Ms. L. A. Christensen, West Coast ports; Frank H. Buck, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Arrived: London Shipper, Manchester; Montana, Seattle; Heasen, Hamburg; Manao, Honolulu; Indiana, Vancouver; Northland, Port Angeles; Sailed: C. H. Cramp, W. F. Herrin, George F. Olsen, Seattle; Defacto, Jacksonville; Admiral Pals, San Pedro; Matthews, Honolulu; Paul Luckenbach, Seattle; London Shipper, Vancouver.

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SYDNEY, N.W.S.W., Dec. 21.—Nord-bro, San Francisco.

HONG KONG, Dec. 21.—Tenyo Maru, San Francisco.

PAPEETE, Dec. 21.—Tahiti, San Francisco.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 21.—Hauraki, San Francisco.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—City of Baghdad, San Pedro.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Commercial Trader, Grays Harbor.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Horace Luckenbach, San Pedro.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Ben Lomond, Portland.

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SYDNEY, Dec. 23.—Hobokio, Grays Harbor.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Trojan Star, Portland.

Wireless Report

Telefun, 3 p.m., December 23

Phyllis, San Pedro for Barnet, B.C., 335 miles from Barnet.

Barbara C. Tacoma for San Pedro, 175 miles from San Pedro.

Janet, San Francisco for Seattle, 245 miles from San Francisco.

Frank G. Drum, Port Costa for Honolulu, 461 miles from Port Costa.

Point Loma, San Francisco for Barkley Sound, 45 miles from Kildonan.

Richmond, San Pedro for Portland, 365 miles from Portland.

Sally Jones, towing Reliance, Mahoney, Seattle for San Pedro, 730 miles from San Pedro.

Noyo, Fort Bragg for San Francisco, 380 miles from Fort Bragg.

W. R. Chamberlain, Jr., Seattle for Balboa, 210 miles from Everett.

R. J. Hanna, Port Wells for Richmond, 545 miles from Richmond.

Nairbank, Portland for Yokohama, 53.01 north, 144.24 west.

Jackson Has
1,100 Tons of
Local Cargo

First Shipment of Tea Out of Shimidzu Will Arrive Here on Admiral Oriental Liner, December 31

Silk Shipment Is
Worth \$7,000,000

En route here with the heaviest Admiral cargo for local discharge is the Admiral Oriental liner, which carried this year, the President Jackson, Captain Thomas P. Quinn commanding, is expected to arrive on December 31, according to latest advices received at the Victoria office.

The President Jackson has 1,100 tons of freight for discharge here in addition to 120 sacks of mail and twenty-five passengers. The President Jackson is the first ship to leave Japan with the new tea crop. Most of the cargo for Victoria comprises tea from Shimidzu. It was because of the extra cargo offerings in Japan that the vessel was delayed one day in sailing.

Not only is this vessel bringing in the first shipment of this season's tea crop, but there is also on board one of the richest consignments of raw silk. There is \$7,000,000 worth of silk on board. A special train will be waiting the arrival of the ship in Seattle to rush it to eastern mills.

For Seattle the vessel has nearly 5,000 tons of freight and 3,500 sacks of mail, and there are sixty first-class passengers on board for the Sound city.

Empress Liner
Sails for Far
East Saturday

Australia Will Take Out Very Light List of Passengers but Heavy Shipment of Freight

Vessel Will Be Overhauled

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia will take out a very light list of passengers when she sails for Oriental ports, Saturday night. This is due largely to the general dislike of spending Christmas at sea.

So far only 350 passengers have booked on the ship, and a large majority of these are travelling steerage. There are very few saloon passengers. This list is expected to be increased by another fifty before the vessel makes her departure from Victoria.

A very heavy cargo of flour, automobiles, pianos, spelter and general freight has been booked. Only a light shipment of freight will be picked up here on the Australia's arrival from Vancouver.

On reaching Hong Kong the Empress of Australia will be drydocked for annual overhaul. The Empress of Asia has nearly completed overhaul, while the Empress of Canada is in the Hong Kong drydock, commencing work. She will be followed by the Empress of Russia and then the Australia. The next C.P.R. liner due in from the Orient is the Empress of Asia, January 25.

Shipping Information

Time of arrival and departure (Pacific Standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the week ending December 23, 1925.

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London's Classic
Pageant Causes
Business Tie-Up

Lord Mayor's Show Interrupts Trade Is Complaint of Shopkeepers—Suggest Change to Saturday

River Parade Proposed

Has London seen her last Lord Mayor's show? asks the London correspondent of The N.Y. Herald Tribune. While thousands of Londoners crowded the narrow sidewalks of the City streets recently, stretching their necks to catch a glimpse of the big gold coach carrying the new Lord Mayor of London from the Guildhall to the Law Courts, business men and shopkeepers throughout the town were complaining bitterly because this centuries-old pageant was holding up business from just before noon till well after four in the afternoon. While the hands and banners, the gayly dressed troops, the Aldermen's coaches and the decorated wagons were winding slowly along, lorries laden with produce for the markets were being held up down Mile End Road, two miles away, because of the disorganization to traffic.

The show is the last annual pageant left to London, and because of this there would be a terrific outcry if it were discontinued altogether. It is possible that future processions will be held on Saturday afternoons, when business houses and stores are closed in the City, though there are many who would like to see the Lord Mayors go back to the old way of doing things and make their procession by water, from London Bridge to Westminster.

River Pageant Proposed

Before the building of the Law Courts in the Strand was erected the judges sat in Westminster Hall, at the Houses of Parliament, and there the Lord Mayor used to journey each year. The wide Embankment would provide room for a multitude of spectators, and in addition, it is said, the river pageant would be much more thrilling. Before the Lord Mayor traveled in a golden coach he used the water barge, and this still exists, though it would have to be refurbished considerably before it could be used again.

Incidentally, London's new Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, is a sturdy veteran of seventy-eight, who looks nearer fifty-five than eighty.

While London was having its own pageant every town in England and Wales with the right to elect a Mayor was having its own Mayor's Day, though with less excitement about it than the capital. Six women have the distinction of being Mayors of their respective towns. The New Mayors of Dunstable, Miss Lucy Dales, has won to that distinction against even the opposition of her own father, who is an Alderman.

Father Alone Opposes

At the polling all the members of the local council supported Miss Dales with one exception, Alderman Dales, and he has not quite forgiven his daughter for accepting office. The youngest Mayors in all England in all England is a schoolgirl of fifteen, Miss Sylvia Denham, who acts as Mayor for her father, the Mayor of Kingston. This is Sylvia's second year of office, as her father was Mayor also last year, and she is believed to be the youngest Mayor in the world.

Rum-Running Baronet
Goes Into Bankruptcy

SIR BRODERICK HARTWELL
The "rum-running baronet," who has gone bankrupt.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The members of Parliament have scattered pretty well to the four corners of the earth for the Christmas season, and will not return to London until Parliament reassembles, February 2.

Premier Baldwin has gone to his estate, where he will smoke his well-known pipe, in the breeding of which he takes considerable interest.

Lloyd George has gone with a party of friends to Rome.

Sir Austin Chamberlain has gone to the Riviera, where he will recuperate from his labors subsequent to the Locarno treaty.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. C. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, is in Switzerland.

Lord Oxford and Asquith, with his family, is at Filton Courtyard, Berkshire.

Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, and Mrs. Larkin, are spending the Christmas season very quietly in their own house at Lancaster Gate, London.

Ramsey MacDonald and his daughter Isabel have gone to Ceylon.

Seems
Reasonable

Since people read newspapers every day, and

People read newspaper advertising every day, and

People buy merchandise every day,

Why isn't it good business to advertise every day?

If every day is a good day to try to sell goods, then

All days are good days to advertise your store—your service—your merchandise.

Vancouver Island

Adopts Important Motion on Roads

North Cowichan Council Deals With Island Highway Regarding Surfacing

DUNCAN, Dec. 23.—At yesterday's meeting of the North Cowichan Council, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"Whereas it is proposed by the Government to put a permanent surface on the Island Highway, and

"Whereas this is a capital expenditure, and under the Act the Government have the power to charge the municipality with twenty-five per cent of the cost of such work, on that portion of the Highway going through the municipality, and such share, if demanded by the Government, will possibly cost the ratepayers of North Cowichan \$7,000 in 1926, and a lesser capital sum in 1927 and 1928, and

"Whereas such sum of \$7,000 is out of all proportion to the total annual expenditure by North Cowichan, namely some \$20,000, to construct and keep in 140 miles of road, in the best condition as acknowledged by the Government they are at present, and

"Whereas such extra expenditure would increase appreciably the ratepayers' taxes in 1926, and

"Whereas the portion of the Island Highway passing through the municipality is only fourteen miles and comprises only a small portion of a total of the municipality's roads, and is made use of principally by through traffic:

"Be it resolved that the Government be respectfully requested to refrain from severing the right under the Act to call on the ratepayers of North Cowichan for any capital expenditure on primary roads, until the present and long-continued depression in agriculture is ended."

The council decided that in future the municipal cemetery at Somers is to be known as "Mountain View Cemetery." Mr. Hintz has been appointed sexton, and it will be his duty to keep the cemetery at all times in a tidy condition.

Colwood Minstrel Show Is Attractive

COLWOOD, Dec. 23.—In spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance at the minstrel show and dance, held here last night. Fifteen jolly minstrels occupied the stage. There were several encores, and much laughter caused by some excellent jokes. Captain F. James and Mr. W. Dickinson did good work in the positions of end men, and Mr. W. Robinson, as interlocutor, carried out his part well.

A large number stayed to the dance following the programme, the music being supplied by Mrs. E. Shields, Mr. J. H. Goodall and Mr. W. H. Betteridge. It is expected that a considerable sum will be added to the hall fund.

Young People's Society of United Church Meets

KRATING, Dec. 23.—The Young People's Society of the South Saanich United Church held its annual meeting in the church parlors, Monday evening, with a good attendance, and the president, Miss C. MacNab, in the chair. The room had been prettily decorated for the meeting with Christmas emblems by some of the members.

An invitation to attend a social which will be held in the Wesley Hall, Sidney, was received, and the secretary was instructed to write accepting it. Upon suggestion from the Sidney society, it was decided to appoint a committee to arrange a debate between the two societies. Miss C. MacNab, L. Ryan and A. Heyer were appointed to arrange it.

Mr. W. McClellan, Jr., reported from the committee which had been appointed to arrange for the clearing of the ground around the church, and stated that two "bees" had been held and a good deal of work accomplished.

The election of officers was then held, with Rev. Mr. Lees presiding, and resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mr. George Bailey; president, Miss Christie MacNab; vice-president, Miss Alma Heyer; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ida Heyer.

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Clare, Intellectual, Miss Lillian Ryan and Miss Margaret Taylor; Athletic, Mr. George Somerville and Mr. Albert Hafer; Social, Miss Blanche Sherring and Miss Margaret Mitchell; Miss L. Lawrie was appointed as delegate for the year to the Council of Young People's Societies in Victoria.

An interesting summary of the year's work was given by the retiring secretary, Miss P. Gale, and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to her for her work in the past year.

Parts for a play, "Deacon Dubba," which the Young People will produce some time in March, were given out, and the Rev. Mr. Lees was asked to manage rehearsals, which will commence January 11. A social time in charge of Misses L. Ryan and H. Sherring and Mr. Somerville, was enjoyed at the close of the meeting. One of the numerous games was won by Mr. Heyer. Delicious refreshments were served later, with the addition of Christmas crackers and oranges.

Two Residents Die

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—The death occurred at the family residence, 621 1/2 St. James, last evening, of Mrs. Nell McCulloch, a resident of Nanaimo for the last thirty-seven years. The late Mrs. McCulloch was a native of Scotland, born in 1858, and was aged sixty-three years. She leaves, besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Miss Ella McCulloch, Nanaimo, and two sons, Archie McCulloch, of this city, and William McCulloch, of Duncan.

The funeral will take place from the residence on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. H. Nixon officiating.

Mr. James Allison, eighty-six, who has resided here for the last thirty years, passed away at his home, 20 Nichol Street, last night. He was a native of Renfrew, Scotland. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Allison, residing at home, and two sons, Robert W. and P. Allison.

The funeral will be held from the McAdie Undertaking Parlors, Albert Street, Thursday afternoon, at 1:30, the services to be conducted by the Rev. D. Lister.

Seasonable Services Held at Sidney

SIDNEY, Dec. 23.—Service was held in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening. The church was crowded, and special Christmas hymns were sung. The pastor, Rev. T. M. Hughes, spoke a few words, and then the children, during the playing of a hymn, walked up to the chancel, where there was a large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and lit up, and handed gifts of toys to Mr. Hughes. Mrs. Stanley Brethour tying them on to the tree. The toys are to be sent to missions.

At the United Church of Canada on Sunday evening the Rev. M. Lees preached on the Christmas spirit. Mr. Cowell sang a solo and the choir gave the anthem, "Noel, Noel."

Special services of Holy Communion will be held at St. Andrew's at 7:30 o'clock and at 11:30 o'clock, and at Holy Trinity, Patricia Bay, at 9:30 on Christmas Day. At St. Elizabeth's Church High Mass will be sung at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning.

Ladysmith Personals

LADYSMITH, Dec. 23.—Mr. Kenneth Dickinson, of Sacramento Valley, Calif., spent the week-end with his brother, George, here.

Dean Coleman, of Vancouver, has been invited to attend the next meeting of the Ladysmith Literary Society, on January 11. The members hope to have the pleasure of hearing an address by him.

Mrs. McGilivray, of Victoria, will be the guest of the Rev. Edwin and Mrs. Moss, for the Christmas festivities.

Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell have their three boys, Pat, Donald and Jack, from school in Victoria, spending the Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Alice Forward, who is attending the Columbia College of Music, New Westminster, is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Miss Verchere, a member of the Ladysmith teaching staff, who has been on a trip to the Old Country, has returned home in time to resume her duties when school reopens after the Christmas vacation. Miss Johnson, who acted as her substitute during her absence, has accepted a position in the High School at New Westminster.

The committee of the Agricultural Ground introduced a system of drawing for prizes at the old-time dances, which are held on Saturday nights, which will be equally as interesting for the spectators as those taking part, and will add to the popularity of the week-end dance.

Mr. Harry Forward, who sustained serious bruises recently and has been a patient in the General Hospital, is at home again. He hopes to be able to attend to his duties again at the Timberland Camp after the holidays.

Mr. Dominic O'Connell, who was seriously injured when falling from a bridge on which he was working, is reported to be progressing very favorably under treatment at the General Hospital. His sister, Nurse O'Connell, of Victoria, is attending him on night duty.

A supper and dance will be held in the Athletic Hall on Christmas night, under the auspices of the Ladysmith Junior Soccer Team.

Archdeacon Laycock, of Victoria, gave a most interesting address in the New Parish Hall of St. John's Church, when he visited Ladysmith recently, the subject selected for the evening being the work among the aborigines of British Columbia.

Christmas Services

COLWOOD, Dec. 23.—Services on Christmas Day in the district will be 8 a.m., holy communion at St. John's, Colwood, and 10:30 a.m., at St. Matthew's, Langford.

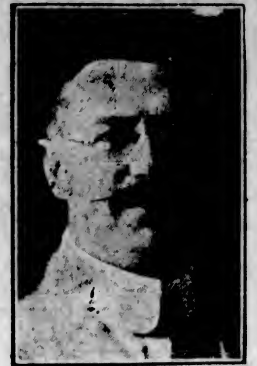
Calls for Coal

The St. Admiral Watson called at the wharf for coal, on Sunday afternoon, en route for Seattle.

"My husband is plain spoken; he calls a spade a spade."

"So is mine, but I won't say what he calls the lawn mower."

Vancouver Man Claims Damages of \$110,000



MR. CHARLES E. CAMPBELL, The Canadian Press has been served with a writ issued by Mr. Charles E. Campbell, published in The Edmonton Bulletin, claiming damages totalling \$110,000, service being made in Calgary on its president, Mr. J. H. Woods. The basis of the claim purports to be that the Canadian Press became party to a conspiracy whereby Mr. Campbell, having purchased The Edmonton Bulletin in October last, had secretly refused membership in the Canadian Press, and refused also its news service.

Social Club Holds Weekly Card Party

SIDNEY, Dec. 23.—The North Saanich Social Club held their weekly card party in the old school house. Progressive five hundred was played at fifteen tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. J. Gilman and Mr. J. St. Louis. Supper was in charge of Mrs. Lorenson, after which a dance was held. Mrs. McLean and Raymond Brethour supplied the music.

Mrs. McKay and children, of Third Street, have gone to Seattle to spend Christmas.

Mr. Cates, from Saskatchewan, has come to live in Sidney with his uncle, Mr. Lemay.

Mrs. Bowcott and Miss Dollie Bowcott, of Queens Avenue, are staying in Victoria.

7,803 Canadian Army Pensioners Helped

Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Work in London Keeps Staff Busy

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The general public hears very little of the work in the Canadian High Commissioner's office carried on under the direction of Major C. G. Arthur, D.S.O., overseas representative of the Canadian Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, yet the work today occupies a staff of eleven persons, besides Major Arthur and his assistant, Mr. G. R. Middleton, who find as much to do now as they did five years ago.

Last month 7,803 pension cheques were sent out. There are today 273 men on the strength for treatment for war disabilities and these men are served with all sorts of orthopaedic appliances. The department looks after Canadian ex-soldiers all over Europe, but at the present time thirty-two of them are outside the British Isles. The work entails much more than the mere signing of pension cheques. There are often children to be looked after, widows' rights to be upheld, and mentally deficient people to care for. Of the 7,803 pensioners, about 40 per cent are widows or dependent parents.

As there is no Canadian hospital over here an arrangement has been made by the department for the treatment of disabled soldiers in the establishments of the British Ministry of Pensions. There are 300 men who have lost an arm or a leg, and 500 who suffer from minor disabilities necessitating the provision of splints, artificial noses, knee caps, etc., and a good deal of work is entailed in providing them with the necessary appliances which may have to be renewed.

The work of Major Arthur and his colleagues is carried out with sympathy and understanding and every effort is made to interpret the spirit in which the pensions have been granted by the Canadian Government.

New Oil Agreements Made in East Indies

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Batavia, Dutch East Indies, received by way of Amsterdam, reports that the Dutch Colonial Petroleum Company, which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, has concluded an agreement with the East Indian Government for the exploitation of five new oilfields in the East Indies. Two of these are situated in Palembang, Sumatra, two in Madura and one in Java, amounting in area to about 600,000 acres. A similar agreement, adds the report, has been concluded between the government and the Dutch Indian Oil Company, concerning oilfields in Sumatra.

Publicity Bureau Sends Invitation To British Doctors

The Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau is preparing some correspondence to make known the advantages of Victoria as a health resort, and is sending personal letters to all the doctors in Canada, numbering more than 90,000.

The letters give facts and figures regarding the climate of Winter and Summer, and contain invitations to attend the big Canadian Medical Association convention to be held in Victoria from June 21 to 26 next.

The bureau has also sent many folders to the secretary of the British Medical Association in London, England. The secretary is asked to distribute amongst the leading men in England these folders, which also contain invitations to attend the convention here.

Further than this, the bureau hopes to bring out a special folder describing Victoria from the health point of view.

Give Something Electrical Is Advice to Gift Buyers

EVERY year the same old problem comes up: "What shall I give?" So many considerations enter into the question of what to give "her" or "him" that it is not surprising that something really worth while, something that will be really appreciated not only on account of the giver, but because of the worth of the gift itself. And then, too, it's got to be something within the range of the giver's purse.

Every year the tendency is more and more towards "useful" gifts that serve and can be used the year round as well as delight and charm by their attractive and artistic appearance.

It often is a very real difficulty to find something that fulfils all these requirements.

Today, many people are finding a very satisfactory solution to the Christmas gift question by giving "something electrical." Electrical appliances for the home have long ago passed the toy or experimental stage, and the home without one or more electrical labor-saving appliances is the exception rather than the rule today.

The Cherished Iron

Ask any woman if she would like to go back to the old method of doing the ironing with the old-fashioned sadiron. You will quickly learn that her electric iron is one of her most cherished possessions, and that it is one of the last things with which she would wish to part. This humble appliance has none of the unattractive appearance of the old sadiron. Its bright nickel finish, comfortable handle and general spic-and-span appearance put an entirely new complexion on the work of ironing, quite apart from the fact that it cuts the work and labor associated with the old method in half, keeps the kitchen cool, and does better and faster work. This appliance costs only a few dollars, and operates from any lamp socket at a cost of approximately 3 1/2 cents a day.

Other electrical gift suggestions that will be appreciated in any home long after the novelty of possession has passed away include such items as Electric Vacuum Cleaners, Coffee Percolators, Chafing Dishes, Toasters,

Curling Irons, Heating Pads, Portable Heaters, Washing Machines, and last, but not least, Electric Ranges.

Not so very long ago the Electric Vacuum Cleaner was a sort of a curiosity. Many housewives looked upon it with a sort of suspicion. Could it really do the work they had been accustomed to do with so much toil and real hard work?

Works Efficiently

As a rule, a demonstration in the home of some busy housewife not only convinced her it could do the work she had been doing by hard manual labor, but that it did it far more efficiently, in a fraction of the time, and with no hard work on the part of the operator.

"But doesn't it cost a lot for current?" was the question next asked. When informed it would clean the average house at a weekly cost of 3 1/2 cents for current, there was no further argument about it.

Such things as chafing dishes and percolators will find a welcome in any home. They are made in a variety of pleasing designs, and will give years of useful service percolating delicious coffee or preparing a meal right on the table. These two useful appliances, used in conjunction with an electric toaster, will take care of the preparation of a wide variety of light meals. They are ideal for Summer weather cooking, and are extremely useful at any time. His slices of bread can be toasted to a delicious golden-brown for less than one cent's worth of current, while the coffee percolator will percolate enough coffee for the average family at an average cost of about six cents a week.

Electric ranges are now widely used wherever electric current is available. They have been brought to a very high stage of perfection, performing all the necessary cooking operations for the entire family with an efficiency and cleanliness that places the old coal stove in the same category as the electric iron.

Cost About Equal

Costs of operation for an electric range vary with the size of the range

Judgment Reserved in Income Tax Appeal

HON. P. C. LARKIN

Judgment was reserved in the appeal of Hon. P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada in London, from a decision of the Court of Revision confirming his income assessment of \$392,907 in Toronto.

and the amount of use to which it is put. However, it is pretty safe to say that the cost of operating an electric range compares very favorably with the cost of the solid fuel range, especially when taking into consideration its cleanliness, absence of labor carrying fuel and ashes, and the amount of work it saves, because pets and pans are never blackened, and there is no dust or soot to blacken the walls and soil the window hangings.

The electric range is a little more costly than the average run of electrical appliances, but it is built to give a lifetime of service, and would make an ideal gift to the home—one every member of the family would appreciate.

Anyone pondering on the "What to Give" problem will find many useful hints and practical suggestions by looking over the displays of electrical appliances for the home now being shown by the electrical stores in the city.

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Newspaper Office Looks Like Alehouse

London Morning Advertiser, Owned by Victualers, Stands for "The Trade"

LONDON, Dec. 23.—If you walk down Fleet Street and observe the frontages of the north side, you will see tucked away among the farrow-concrete a quaint looking building, bearing an appearance not unlike that of the quiet sort of ale house, which was more common half a century ago than now. This is the office of The Morning Advertiser, the third oldest newspaper in London. The Advertiser has just been celebrating the one hundred and tenth anniversary of its removal to Fleet Street. The paper first saw the light more than 130 years ago.

Of all daily papers now existing, The Morning Advertiser possesses surely the most curious constitution. It is owned by the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victualers, the most powerful of all organizations connected with the liquor trade. Very member of the society, and one means practically every licensee in the country, is required to be a regular subscriber to The Advertiser. The whole of the profits of the paper are devoted to the society's charities; the orphan school at Slough is maintained in this way at a cost of \$15,000 a year.

Very naturally The Advertiser devotes itself largely to matters connected with "the trade." Independent in general politics, it mostly concerns itself with a reasonable defence against undue interference of those engaged in the sale of intoxicants.

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Finance and Commerce

American Can Leaps Upward To New Peak

Sensational Advance of Seventeen Points Made—Bullish Movement Resumed in Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A sensational advance of more than seventeen points in American Can, which touched a new high record for all time at 213, featured the resumption of the broad upward movement in today's stock market.

Bullish enthusiasm was created by reports of heavy steel consumption continued in the weekly trade reviews, continuance of million-car weekly freight loadings and a spirited advance in wheat prices. Continuance of the six per cent rate for call money was disregarded. After the close of the market the New York Federal Reserve Bank announced that its discount rate of 3-1/4 per cent was unchanged.

Can Earnings Higher
The heavy demand for American Can was based on reports that current earnings of the new stock were running at the rate of about 17 a share and that there was a possibility that dividends would be paid at the rate in excess of the 12 annual payment tentatively fixed by the management. Strength of General Electric, which showed an extreme gain of five points at 213 and then eased to 207, was associated with rumors of another special distribution to shareholders.

Copper shares developed a new lease of life on prospects of unusually heavy sales of the red metal in the first quarter of next year. Oil responded to constructive trade statistics, both the Harnsden and Pacific Oil issues again mounting to new high levels for the year.

Steel Up Two Points
United States Steel common was bid up more than two points to 185-7/8 and then eased to 185. Atlantic Coast Line was the feature of the railway group, soaring twelve points to a new high record at 208-1/2.

Call money held steady at six per cent all day. Time money and commercial rates were unchanged. Total sales were 1,877,700 shares. No alteration in the character of the bond market took place as dwindling holiday interest and firm money rates continued to dull the edge of trading. Irregular price movements failed to impair the market's firm undertone.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Foreign exchange irregular. Quotations in cents: Great Britain—Demand 44 1/2, cable 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2, 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 52 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 55 1/2, 56 1/2, 57 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 66 1/2, 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2, 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2, 74 1/2, 75 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2, 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 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The New Lumber Jack Cardigans at \$7.95

The new Lumber Jack Cardigans are made in the Cardigan style but with a wide ribbed band at the bottom. They have long sleeves with turn-back cuffs, high fastening collar, and two breast pockets that fasten down with buttons. Shown in pretty floral all-over patterns in contrasting shades. Assorted sizes. Each **\$7.95**

—Woolens, 1st Floor

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Solve Your Last Minute Gift Problem

MERCHANDISE SCRIP—Redeemable at any of our stores—now on sale at the Exchange Desk, above the Drug Department. This convenient exchange, sent to your friends, will allow them to purchase the gifts they most desire.

—Exchange Desk, Main Floor

Christmas Over-Blouses of Spun Silk at \$7.95

Best Quality Spun Silk Over-Blouses, with plain hem at bottom, long sleeves with link cuffs, two neat little pockets at bottom, and smart fitting collars finished with black silk bow. Smartly tailored blouses, very popular for present wear. Sizes 36 to 44. Exceptional value at, each **\$7.95**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Wonderful Assortments of WOMEN'S SCARVES

In Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Silk Knit for Christmas Gifts



Crepe de Chine and Georgette Scarves in all the most popular colorings, two-tone, ombre and all-over pattern effects; some with dainty hand-painted designs. Wonderful values from **\$2.75** to **\$8.95**

Silk Knit Scarves in an endless variety of colorings, stripe or mixture effects with fringed ends. Special at, each, **\$1.49** and **\$2.98**

—Neckwear, Main Floor

Hand-Painted French Crepe de Chine Scarves At Special Christmas Prices

Hand-Painted Scarves of heavy quality French crepe de Chine in beautiful color combinations and designs. Each one is initiated by the artist; six different designs and colorings.

Regular \$18.95 for **\$13.95**
Regular \$13.50 for **\$9.95**
Regular \$11.95 for **\$8.95**
Regular \$10.50 for **\$7.95**
Regular \$8.95 for **\$6.75**

—Ribbons Dept., Main Floor

UMBRELLAS

With Unusually Smart Novelty Handles

Priced From \$1.50 to \$10.50

Women's Umbrellas with reliable paragon frames and covered with excellent grade cambric or Gloria silk; a wide range of newest style handles.

Cambric Covered. Priced from **\$1.50** to **\$3.00**
Gloria Covered. Priced from **\$3.50** to **\$5.00**
Colored Gloria Covered. Priced from **\$4.50** to **\$6.95**
Gloria Silk Covered. Priced from **\$8.50** to **\$10.50**

Women's Colored Silk Umbrellas, with 16 ribs, gilt frame; handsome umbrellas, suitable for sun or rain. Colors are pillar box, purple, paddy, brown and navy. Each **\$10.50**

—Umbrellas, Main Floor



HOSIERY

Full fashioned, exquisitely sheer Clifton Hose, with sandal foot, in sizes 8½ to 10. "Gordon" make, made in shades of black, gunmetal, French nude, sunset, Windsor tan, orchid, moonlight and gold. At, a pair **\$3.00**

"Gordon" Lace Clocked Hose, full fashioned, and made from purest silk, with a lisle garter welt hem; sizes 8½ to 10. In shades of black, white, sunset and French nude. At, a pair **\$3.25**

Kayser Full Fashioned Silk Hose, the wearing quality and appearance of which everyone knows. Have well reinforced feet, and shown in black, white and all the desired shades. A pair **\$2.00**

Winsome Maid Pure Thread Silk Hose, heavy weight, with seamless feet, strongly reinforced. Shown in black, white and all colors. Sizes 8½ to 10. A pair **\$2.00**

Marvel Silk Hose, with pointed heels, lisle garter hem and reinforced foot. May be had in shades of black, white, peach, nude, powder blue, camel, silver, gold, cameo, platinum, toreador and cheri, illusion, kasha and pansy. Pair, **\$2.00**

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, with hemmed garter tops. Sizes 8½ to 10. In white, black, brown, beige, log cabin, camel, peach, cameo, golden pheasant, pearl grey, Oriental pearl, toreador, cheri and hoggard. At, a pair **\$1.50**

Pretty Gift Towels and Towel Sets

Useful and Attractive

Towels in striped Jacquard designs, 22 x 46, in colors mauve, blue, pink and gold. Each **\$1.25**

Towels, 22 x 46 inches, practical bath size, with figured Jacquard border, in mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each **\$1.00**

Towels, size 16 x 34 inches, with white centres and Jacquard borders of mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each **50¢**

Guest size, 12 x 22 inches, in Jacquard designs, with mauve, pink, blue and gold borders. Each **40¢**

Towels, 20 x 45 inches, with border all around in beautiful combination colorings in rose design. Each **80¢**

Towels, size 20 x 38 inches, in mauve, pink, blue and gold, with check design in Jacquard weave. Each **70¢**

Turkish Towel Sets, extra fine grade, with colored borders, striped and floral centres.

Sets of one bath towel and two face cloths **\$1.50**

Sets of one bath, one guest towel and one face cloth, at **\$1.75**

Set of two bath towels and two face cloths **\$2.00**

—Bathrooms, Main Floor



Dressing Gowns for Women

Priced at

\$4.90 to \$25.00

Flannelette Dressing Gowns of fleecy texture, in all-over patterns of contrasting shades. They have shawl collars, full-length sleeves and trimmed with cord pipings and girdle. Each **\$4.90**

Eiderdown Dressing Gowns with "V" neck and three-quarter sleeves, smart wrap effects, pretty colorings. Sizes 38 to 44. Each **\$8.90**

Beacon Cloth Dressing Gowns with shawl collar, long sleeves and patch pockets. They are finished with silk girdles. Sizes 34 to 44. Each **\$12.90**

Quilted Satin Dressing Gowns made with roll collars and patch pockets. Shades are orchid, pansy, black, navy, peacock blue and rose. Each **\$19.75 to \$25.00**

—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Children's Sweater Suits

A Last Minute Gift Suggestion

\$3.75, \$4.95 and \$5.75

Three-Piece Brushed Wool Sweater Suits, consisting of pull-over jersey buttoning on the shoulder, overall gaiters with elastic at the waist, and toque finished with pompon at the top. Sizes for 2 to 4 years. A nice, cosy little set for a child's Christmas gift. Each **\$3.75**

Woolen Sweater Suits for Children, consisting of coat sweater, fastening high at the neck, overall gaiters with ankle strap, and smart little toque with pompon on top. Shown in jade trimmed with putty, and grey trimmed with blue. Sizes for 2 to 5 years.

In brushed wool, a set **\$5.75**
In plain knit, a set **\$4.95**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Children's Flannelette PAJAMAS

\$1.75 and \$2.00

White Flannelette Pajamas in two-piece style; the coat is in a cute style, made to fasten down the side and piped with pink; pants finished at waist with elastic. Sizes for 6 to 14 years. Special price, a suit **\$1.75**

White Flannelette Pajamas in neat two-piece style, straight coat with frog fastenings, and frill at ankle of pants. Sizes for 6 to 16 years. A suit **\$1.75 to \$2.00**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

CHILDREN'S SHOES

For Christmas Are Always in Demand

Misses' Classic Oxfords in black or brown calf, sizes 11 to 2, at **\$5.00**

Misses' Classic Patent Strap Slippers, sizes 11 to 2, at **\$3.50** and **\$2.95**

Children's Rubber Knee Boots, Dominion brand. Sizes 6 to 10½, a pair **\$1.95**
Sizes 11 to 2, a pair **\$2.45**

Hewetson's Children's Oxfords, patent, brown calf or black calf—

Sizes 8½ to 11 at **\$3.50**
Sizes 5 to 8 at **\$3.00**

Hewetson's Strap Slippers, in patent, brown or black calf—

Sizes 8½ to 11 at **\$3.25**
Sizes 5 to 8 at **\$2.75**

—Children's Shoes, 1st Floor

SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER

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Served from 11:30 till 2 o'clock noon, and from 5:30 till 7:30, evening.

—Dining Room, 3rd Floor

A Great Selection of Gifts for Boys

Caps, Hose, Shirt Waists and Overalls. Great value **\$1.00**

Jerseys, Shirts, Shirt Waists, Caps, Astrachan Gauntlets and Night-gowns **\$1.25**

Cashmere Jerseys, Shirt Waists, Caps, Gauntlets, Soft Collar Cases, Combination Overalls and Pajamas. Excellent values **\$1.50**

Youths' Dress Shirts, with separate collars. Many patterns to select from; fancy prints, reps and cords. Sizes 13 to 14½. Good values **\$1.25 to \$1.75**

Broadcloth Shirts **\$1.75 to \$2.50**

Sweaters and Jerseys in a great range of patterns and qualities. Serviceable, neat, and suitable for gifts. Sizes 22 to 36. Excellent values. Prices range from

\$1.50 to \$7.00

—Boys' Store, Lower Main Floor

A Suit of Pajamas For Husband, Brother or Father

Our Great Selection Offers Wide Choice



Fine Printed Percal Pajamas of heavy corded cloth, patterned in fancy stripes on a white ground. They have V-shape neck, one pocket, and trimmed with silk loops. Special value, a suit **\$2.50**

English Broadcloth Pajamas, plain colors of grey, mauve and tan; finished with V-neck, silk loops and pocket. Special value, a suit **\$2.75**

English Broadcloth Pajamas, high grade cloth, made with V-neck, pocket and silk loops; plain colors and white. A suit **\$3.50**

Fancy Stripe English Broadcloth Pajamas, shown in a large selection. Special, a suit **\$4.75**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Pull-Over Sweaters

New Styles—For Christmas Gifts

All-Wool Pull-Over Sweaters, Universal brand, made with V-neck and with tight rib bottom. Shown in blue and sand shades with a fancy stripe. Each **\$5.25**

Pure Wool Fancy Jacquard Sweaters, pull-over style. Made with V neck and straight bottom; very smart looking. Special for men's Christmas gifts. Each **\$6.75**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

DRESSING GOWNS

Dressing Gowns of nice fleecy beacon cloth, in pretty all-over patterns of contrasting shades, designed with or without collars and trimmed with silk cord or satin bindings.

Sizes for 2 to 5 years at **\$2.95** and **\$3.50**

Sizes for 6 and 8 years at **\$4.95**

Sizes for 10 to 15 years at **\$5.75** and **\$7.50**

Women's Silk Bloomers

All Qualities—For Christmas Gifts

Silk Bloomers, the well-known "Harvey-Nick" style, with pleated sides to insure a perfect fit. Shown in shades of black, white, pink, orchid, pansy, pinegrove, sunset, Kyoto and ashes of roses.

Sizes 36 to 40 at **\$2.05**

Size 44 at **\$3.25**

Rayon Silk Bloomers, in a full-fashioned garment, well reinforced, in a good range of colors. Special, **\$2.05**

Harvey Synthetic Silk Bloomers in all good shades. Sizes 36 to 40. A pair **\$1.75** and **\$1.95**

Kayser "Marvellit" Bloomers, in shades of pink, white and orchid, all sizes, ranging in price from **\$3.95** to **\$4.95**

Kayser Silk Bloomers, in good quality silk, and shades of white, pink and orchid. Special at **\$3.50** to **\$4.50**

—Kelt Underwear, 1st Floor

Men's "Albion" Shoes

Crepe Sole Oxfords. Fine Black Kid Boots or Oxfords. Black or Brown Calf Brogues. Sturdy Leather-Lined Boots. And many other acceptable styles, All at One Price

\$7.50

We have plenty of sizes, and can make exchanges after Christmas if you are not sure of the size.

Quality Slippers

For a Man's Christmas Gift

Fine Kid Romeo Slippers, with turn soles, in black or brown, pair, **\$3.50**

Leather Slippers, with flexible welted soles; black, brown, maroon or patent. Pair, **\$2.95**

Kosy Felt Slippers, with turn-down collar and soft leather soles; shown in brown, grey or wine. A pair **\$1.75**

Camel Hair Slippers, with felt or leather soles. A pair, **\$1.95**

Soft Leather Slippers of fine quality, soft leather soles and rubber heels. A pair **\$2.00**

—Men's Shoes, Main Floor

Gifts in Chinaware, Silverware Fancy Pottery and Glassware

You May Buy for

\$1.00 to \$10.00

Gifts for \$1.00

Royal Doulton Plates, Vases and Jardinières. Silver-Plated Butter Dishes, Marmalade Jars, with silver cover and spoon, Cut Glass Marmalade Jars, Set of 6 Cut Glass Tumblers, Egg Stands with silver-plated mounts, spoon and china plate, pair of Cut Glass Vases, and many other articles. Great values, each **\$1.00**

Gifts for \$2.00

China Cake Plates with silver handles, China Marmalade Jar with cover and spoon, Crown Ducal Ware in Vases, Plates, Etc., Silver-Plate and Cut Glass Bonbons, Silver-Plate Vases, Set of 6 Silver-Plate Dessert Spoons **\$2.00**

Gifts for \$5.00

Vases of Cut Glass and Silver-Plate, Silver-Mounted Casseroles and Pie Plates, large pieces of Fine Chinaware, such as Vases, Plates, Rose Bowls, Lily Bowls, Cut Glass Water Sets and Silver-Plated Bread Trays. Gifts for **\$5.00**

Gifts for \$3.00

China Cake Plates, Cut Glass Vases, Jardinières, Silver-Plate Cake Plates, Butter Dishes, Bonbons, Casseroles, Stands and Pie Plate Frames with Pyrex lining, Brass Jardinières and China Cups and Saucers **\$3.00**

Gifts for \$7.50

Silver-Plated Ware—Fruit Baskets, Pie Plates, Casseroles, Cake Plates, Roll Trays, Sugars and Creams, Teapots, and Cut Glass, Fine Pottery and Chinaware. Gifts for **\$7.50**

Gifts for \$4.00

Cut Glass Wine Sets, Silver-Plated Pie Plates and Casseroles with Pyrex lining, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls with silver-plated mounts, Carving Sets, Vases and Bowls of English Pottery, Cut Glass Vases, China Cake Plates and Silver-Plated Butters, **\$4.00**

Gifts for \$10.00

Silver-Plated Three-Piece Tea Sets, Casseroles, Pie Plates, Fruit Baskets and Cut Glass Berry Bowls, Vases, Rose Bowls, Dutch Fruit Baskets, Smokers' Sets, and a selection of Fine China and Pottery at **\$10.00**

—Lower Main Floor